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Attack by 30 bombers unites allies

Nato aircraft strike back at the Serbs

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

NATO yesterday mounted the biggest bombing raid of its 45-year history to strike at a Serb-held airfield in Croatia.

Alliance leaders united in resounding approval for an airstrike involving 39 aircraft — 30 of them bombers — from the United States, Britain, France and The Netherlands. But the Yugoslav government said the strike on the airfield at Udbina, in the Serb-occupied enclave in Croatia, was irresponsible, demonstrated "the bias and one-sided approach" of the UN Security Council and could provoke a wider war.

Admiral Leighton Smith, commander of Nato forces in southern Europe, declared the airstrike a success. Sam-6 missile sites, radar facilities and anti-aircraft batteries were targeted and damaged.

Nato officials admitted that the damaged runway could probably be "up and running" within a few days because of the limits imposed on the Nato bombers' sorties. The 20 bombers were not allowed to target the 20 Serb fighter aircraft at the airfield because of the risk of casualties and collateral damage.

The Serb jets had launched air raids from Udbina on the Muslim Bihac safe area in northwest Bosnia last week, using napalm and cluster bombs. President Clinton said that the airstrike was "the right thing to do". With the Nato aircraft safely returned to their bases in Italy, he said it was "a strong and entirely appropriate response" to Serb attacks on Bosnia from the airbase. President Yeltsin also supported the airstrike.

Yasushi Akashi, UN special envoy in the former Yugoslavia who gave the order for the airstrike, said he was fully aware of the high stakes involved in sending Nato bombers to attack the Udbina base. The Croatian Serbs have warned of retaliation against the UN and Croatia and yesterday all UN bases in Bosnia were on the highest alert for possible revenge attacks.



Missile sites and radar at Udbina were hit

However, Mr Akashi said he had talked to Milan Martic, the rebel Serb leader in Krajina, after the raid and obtained an undertaking that there would be no retaliation. Mr Akashi said: "This was a limited action, a proportionate and judicious reaction to a number of unacceptable offensive actions. But now is the time for all sides to show utmost restraint." In Belgrade, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said one person was believed to have been killed and an unspecified number of civilians wounded, although there was no confirmation of the report.

The multi-nation operation, launched after authorisation from United Nations leaders in the former Yugoslavia, gave Nato a chance to show the Bosnian Serbs what it might face in future if they continue attacking UN safe areas. The Serbs have been engaged in an offensive against Bihac since the Muslim defenders broke out of the area to attack the Serb lines.

Willy Claes, Nato secretary-general, gave his full backing for the raid. On a visit to Washington where he has seen Mr Clinton, he said the bombing mission was "absolutely" necessary, and would give a clear and strong signal to the Serbs. A senior Nato official in Brussels said: "This is a turning point, a major step in Nato's history."

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, welcomed the raid, saying such action was "never too late". In Sarajevo there was an indication of angry Serb reaction to come. A man was killed by sniper fire on the city's main street shortly after the raid, witnesses said.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said the Europeans were "together on this issue", indicating obvious satisfaction in Washington that the alliance had taken tough action against the Serbs, a policy which the Americans have been advocating for a long time.

Although Britain and France were fully behind yesterday's raid, the two governments have previously been cautious over Nato action in the former Yugoslavia because of the risks posed to British and French troops in Bosnia. However, the recent raids by Serb forces against the Muslims in Bihac had also endangered Bangladeshi troops serving in the UN safe area.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said: "We have emphasised from the beginning of this operation that either close air support or any other military means that may be necessary to protect UN forces will fully have our support."

The breach of the no-fly zone was a "very important part of the justification for the action that has been taken today". MPs on all sides in the Commons endorsed the Nato attack.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Eric Dawson, head teacher at fast-improving Stour Valley Community School, Warwickshire, with his pupils

Britain's most improved school

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

A COMPREHENSIVE in Warwickshire, which faced closure only a few months ago, emerges today as the most improved state school in England. Stour Valley Community School, in Shipston-on-Stour, saw the proportion of pupils gaining good GCSE passes leap from 11 to 38 per cent this summer.

However, the Government's third annual examination league tables, published today, reveal there are more than 100 state schools where fewer than 10 per cent of pupils gained five good GCSE passes.

In six schools, not a single pupil achieved the grades regarded as the minimum for further academic study. The disclosure provoked demands for an overhaul of the inspection scheme.

Dr John Marks, a leading Government education adviser, demanded that inspectors use examination results to pinpoint failing schools requiring urgent attention. He said: "If a school gets less than one-quarter of the national average at GCSE there is a *prima facie* case for that to trigger an immediate inspection."

Today's tables list the examination results, truancy figures and teaching time of more than 6,000 state and independent schools and colleges in England, Wales and Scotland. Overall, results have improved at both GCSE and A-level. Some 56 per cent of schools in England increased their pass rate at GCSE, with the average points score at A-level increasing from 14.7 to 15.3 — the equivalent of almost two grade Cs and a D.

But they highlight 102 English secondaries where less than 10 per cent of pupils passed five GCSEs at grades A to C. In Kent, which retains a largely selective system, the pass rate was less than one-quarter of the national average at 11 schools. In London, 15 schools fell short.

All pupils at six schools failed to gain five good passes: Woodlands High School, Gillingham, Kent; Battersea Technology College, Wandsworth, London; Pope John Paul II Roman Catholic High School, Liverpool; Parkside School, Plymouth; The Benjamin Gott High School, Leeds; and Lunesdale County High School, Lancashire.

Jain Blaikie, the head teacher of Lunesdale, said: "I don't need to apologise for my results. We are a small, rural secondary modern where 30 per cent of children have statements of special educational needs, many for dyslexia, yet we are compared with independent schools which select their intake."

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Anger o gas chief pay rise is joined by Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major sugges night that company holders should demand straint in boardroom pay... intervention came as the Go ernment was engulfed by a wave of outrage over a 75 per cent salary increase for the chief executive of British Gas.

As unions, Labour MPs and some Conservatives protested over the disclosure that Cedric Brown's salary will rise from £270,000 to £475,000, Mr Major again made plain his concern over excessive increases and seemed to back a "shareholders' revolt".

The Government was particularly embarrassed by the increase since it was revealed just a week after the Prime Minister had spoken at the Lord Mayor's banquet of "resentment at large and unjustified salary increases". Adding to the Government's problems, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, had earlier in the day appeared to defend the increase.

Downing Street said last night that boardroom pay had to be a matter for the judgment of companies, their directors and, above all, their shareholders. If shareholders in a private company felt pay rises were excessive, they could take action to curb them.

"The Prime Minister feels very strongly about this issue. But he also believes that the remedy in cases where pay has been excessive lies above all with the shareholders," an official said.

News of the £4,000-a-week rise came as unions prepared to fight threatened 10 to 15 per cent pay cuts for the company's retail staff. Union leaders said they might now increase their own wage claim.

On BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, Mr Heseltine refused to condemn the rise. He said: "What British Gas have

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Woman badly hurt in rugby match

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A WOMAN rugby player was in hospital with severe spinal injuries yesterday after a scrum collapsed on her.

It is the most serious accident since women's rugby took off in Britain three years ago and raises fresh questions about the safety of one of the fastest growing women's sports in the country. The 20-year-old student from Portsmouth University women's team was injured during a home match against Worthing Ladies on Sunday.

The game was abandoned when players realised that the woman was badly injured. She was taken to the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, then flown in a Coastguard helicopter to the Odstock Spinal Injuries Unit in Salisbury.

A spokesman for Portsmouth University said: "She was trapped underneath the scrum and it became apparent she had been badly hurt."

Yesterday the woman's condition was said to be stable. The university spokesman said that the player's neck was injured but not thought to be broken and another bone had fractured.

The accident has revived controversy over the spread of women's rugby, the popularity of which was boosted by England's win in the world rugby union championship for women, held at Edinburgh in April.

Jeff Probyn, the former England international who recently caused a furore when he said that the game was too physical for women, said yesterday: "I'm not sexist but it's confirmed the fear that I voiced that at some point a woman would get injured. The more people that play, the less technically competent they are and the more likely to be injured".

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MPs try to bar Benn

MPs on the Commons cash-for-questions inquiry took the highly unusual step last night of demanding that Tony Benn be barred from the committee for breaking Commons rules which prevent private meetings being reported.

Tony Newton, chairman of the all-party Commons Privileges Committee and Leader of the Commons, said that Mr Benn's removal would be recommended to the Commons and a report would be published soon. The decision was taken after a private hearing to discuss Mr Benn's action in writing a report of a meeting held behind closed doors earlier this month.

Germans look to the future

Germany, worried about its eroding reputation as a nation at the cutting edge of science, has appointed a minister for the future. Jürgen Rüttgers will lead a super ministry combining education, science, research and technology.....Page 14

Strikes hit franc

France faced a winter of discontent as a strike by 8,000 workers at GEC-Alsthom, the industrial giant, led a series of industrial disputes which could bring the franc under pressure.....Page 14

Clarke alerted to growing VAT revolt

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, was under growing pressure last night to reconsider the plan to increase VAT on fuel to 17.5 per cent in April after Jeremy Hanley admitted that he had warned the Government of Tory grassroots anxieties.

The Conservative Party chairman echoed the warning of his deputy John Maples in a report to the Prime Minister showing deep disillusion among former Tory voters and suggesting policy rifts in the high command.

Mr Maples had suggested that the second VAT instalment be shelved. In a radio interview last night Mr Hanley, who praised his "superb" deputy, admitted that he had passed on the message that many Tory activists would find the rise "uncomfortable." Ministers and officials stressed last night that the Government would not back down.

But Mr Hanley's intervention came on a day of government disarray over the leak of the vividly written confidential report to the Prime Minister.

Labour announced that it was trying to find a way of forcing a vote on the VAT rise after next week's Budget and several Tories suggested they would vote against it. Mr Maples's document suggested the Government's health reforms should be slowed and that the second VAT rise should be shelved. The paper also gave a warning that the Government was losing credibility among people who should be its core supporters and that Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was a formidable opponent.

A leak inquiry was launched by Mr Hanley last night to discover how the document had got into the hands of the *Financial Times*.

Sources at Conservative Central Office said that it had not been widely circulated and that there had been different versions of it. The leaked document had gone to "one particular set of people," it was said. "It would be wrong at this stage to start pointing

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Hanley: warning of grassroots worries

Killing will be televised

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is to screen a documentary about euthanasia in The Netherlands which shows the first ever televised mercy killing.

The programme, *Death on Request*, screened by the Dutch public service broadcaster, Ikon, last month, shows a doctor giving a fatal injection to Cees van Wendel de Joode, 63. He is then shown slipping into unconsciousness and dying.

Pro-euthanasia campaigners have praised the film for stimulating the debate on terminally ill people who chose to end their lives, but *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican's newspaper, described it as brutal and bumiliating. A spokesman for the Catholic media office, which represents the Bishops' Conference in England and Wales, said it risked sensationalising the subject.

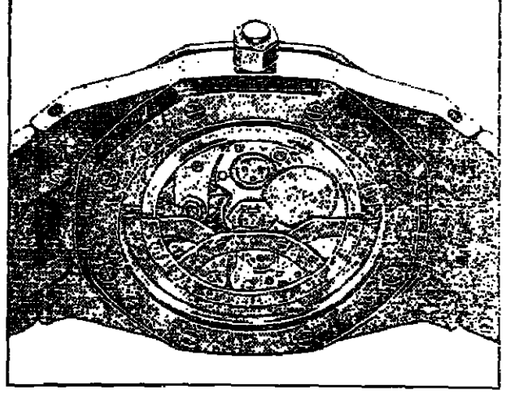
Edward van Rooijen, a spokesman for Ikon, said that there had been very few complaints in The Netherlands about the film, which tracks the last few weeks of Van Wendel de Joode's life.

A BBC spokesman said: "It may be considered a risky subject, but euthanasia is an issue that is constantly discussed. This programme puts into context with great sensitivity the complexity of that decision-making process."

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Will none take up the flagging baton of true thuggery?

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

If there's one thing for which it is hard to forgive modern MPs, it is their devaluation of the vocabulary of insult. Take "sleaze". What happened to good old-fashioned sleaze, to gas-lit alleys and dodgy basement clubs: to bookies' runners, frayed cuffs, cheap gin and women of *ill* repute?

Into the Commons yesterday afternoon, looking like a *smart* middle-manager in a medium-sized carpet factory, walked an inoffensive figure in a slightly noisy tie whom Labour backbenchers have the gall to call "sleazy".

Neil Hamilton, sleazy? How dare they take that fine word and waste it on a fellow who, even if this former minister had (as is alleged) been unwise in his choice of hospitality at a boringly respectable Paris hotel — with his *wife* for heaven's sake — cannot begin to rise to those seedy qualities which could dignify the term "sleazy". It's enough to make you weep.

And another thing: John Maples's "Tory yobbos from the backbenches". *Yobbos?* What yobbos? There *are* no yobbos worthy of the name on the backbenches these days. Labour is no better.

Yobbery is a dying art in today's Commons. There once was a time — when Norman Tebbit was young — when "*semi-housetrained polecats*" (as Michael Foot called him) were worthy of the name. There was a time when Nigel Lawson was still a bruiser, when George Gardiner was youthful as well as uncouth and before Eric Forth was made an education minister, *when you would not be surprised to find tattoos beneath* the cuff-links. There was a time, before responsibility turned gold to ash in Tarzan's locks, when maces were swung, legislation was wrecked, and Labour ministers understood what it was to face a yob.

Those were days in which the Tories knew how to "beat up" (in Mr Maples's words) an Opposition Leader.

But now? Who are the neo-yobbos, today's Tory and Labour yobs? I'll tell you who. They are *yesterday's* Tory yobs, yesterday's Labour yobs: still there but ageing, heading for senile delinquency, waiting in vain for younger men to take from them their yoke of yobbery.

They are Dennis Skinner, 62, George Foulkes ,52, Michael Heseltine ,61, George Gardiner, 59 ... and of course Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, 70: Hell's granny, the mother of all yobs, the teetotal lager dame who heckled the Mayor of Brighton, and beat up Dennis Skinner behind the *sheds when it was rumoured* he had a girlfriend. They're with us still, this range of not-quite extinct volcanos, *still* bawling and brawling: but grey at the temples, clichéd in their abuse, and hoarser than *once they were. Age is wearying them; custom staling their* infinite variety.

And so it came to pass that Michael Heseltine was expected to "beat up" Jack Cunningham, his new Labour shadow, in yesterday's debate. Heseltine did his best. He even tried to beat up Tony Blair, who wasn't there.

"Their theories are bust! Their concepts are bankrupt!" Tories tried to cheer, Labour to grumble, but hearts were not in it. Heseltine's eyesight *isn't what it was*, and he stumbled on his scripted abuse.

The old lion attempted a few roars, grew bored with his own speech, threw away the last three pages, reached his final paragraph and, for the first time in his life, failed to perorate.

He simply sat down. It was heartbreaking. Even as we watched, Tony Benn, 69, was, *by dint of enormous effort, just* managing to get himself thrown off a committee for misbehaviour. Old yobbos never die. They just fade away.

Mayhew tells IRA to return raid cash

Sir Patrick Mayhew called on the IRA to show its commitment to the peace process by returning the £131,000 stolen in a republican *raid on a post office in* Newry. The Northern Ireland Secretary was reacting to an IRA statement in which the leadership admitted its "volunteers" killed Frank Kerr, a postal worker.

Sir Patrick, speaking in Belfast, indicated that the Government felt that the shooting had not breached the ceasefire.

Research boost

Scientists have won an extra £40 million for medical research to provide a boost for teaching hospitals. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, is expected to announce the funding today after warnings in last year's Culyer report that NHS reforms were threatening research.

Home closed

A children's home has closed after staff declared the 11-to 15-year-old residents too violent to control. The 30 staff at Eastbank Family Support Unit in Sheffield claim there was unacceptable bullying and sexual abuse by children. The unit, for ten children, opened six months ago.

Coastguard claim

A High Court judge dismissed a damages claim against the Coastguard for death and injury caused by an alleged failure to respond to distress calls from a fishing boat off the Welsh coast six years ago. It was "contrary *to the public interest" to allow* Coastguards to be sued.

Press chairman

Lord Wakeham is to replace Lord McGregor of Durris as chairman of the Press Complaints Commission from *January 1, the Press Standards* Board of Finance confirmed yesterday. Lord Wakeham said the task now was to strengthen self-regulation of the press.

Crossbow attack

A *man who resented his* wife's business success was convicted of wounding her with intent by firing a crossbow bolt into her head. But an Old Bailey jury cleared Barry Kirby, 39, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, of attempted murder. He will be sentenced next month.

Hashish haul

Two British men were arrested after 1½ tonnes of hashish with an estimated street value of £22.5 million was seized at Pulpi near Almeria in southern Spain. Raymond Sandell, 52, from Castle Donington, and John Williams, 55, from Worcester, were held in custody.

Dog reprieved

A Canadian hybrid timber wolf that savaged Jaye Coxhead, 22 months, at his home in Anglesey, will not be destroyed, its owner said. The animal has been neutered since the attack. Lynn Coxhead, whose son needed 14 stitches, said the animal would not be returning home.

Gardner case

Three police officers appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court accused of the manslaughter of Joy Gardner, the Jamaican-born woman who collapsed at her north London home in July last year as officials tried to tried to serve a deportation notice on her.

Scotch missed

European Union transport ministers yesterday found a loophole in the regulations to allow whisky to stay in traditional wooden casks. They reversed a previous Brussels decision classifying the alcohol as a hazardous liquid to be transported in suitably labelled tankers.

Hamilton says media hounded him out

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND ALICE THOMSON

NEIL Hamilton, the former trade minister, denied last night that he had been involved in any illegal dealings with the Al Fayed family and accused the media of hounding *him out of office last* month.

In his first Commons speech since his resignation as corporate affairs minister, Mr Hamilton condemned the media for having a "terrifying power to destroy", which was undermining public confidence in politics. He insisted: "There is no sleaze in Government."

Speaking in the debate on the Queen's Speech, he regretted the lack of any forthcoming legislation against the press and demanded stringent *new regulations to keep the* media in check.

He told the Commons that although he had enjoyed Mohamed Al Fayed's hospitality, he was never paid to put down questions and when he moved to the Department of Trade he had instructed his officials that he did not want to see any papers dealing with Mr Al Fayed. "What has upset Mr Al Fayed is that he doesn't *have any power," he said.*

"Desperate to find sleaze, the media have accepted at face value the sincerity of Mr Al Fayed's statement of his motives. They have accepted uncritically all his allegations."

Mr Hamilton claimed that the press's "obsession" with trivia and personality rather than issues, with "a cavalier disregard for accuracy and balance in pursuit of profits from circulation", had contrib*uted powerfully to the growth* of national cynicism.

"We are now faced with a situation in which the press, both broadsheet and tabloid, are sometimes prepared to go to any length to undermine the authority of our institutions," he added.

The Press Complaints Commission was ineffective, "a sheep in wolves' clothing" and should be replaced by a more balanced body with greater power. Mr Hamilton added that it was "a major lacuna in the Queen's Speech" that there were no proposals to remedy the defects in press regulation. Too much of the British media was "too prepared to destroy anything in its sights", he said.

British businessmen were battling for Britain abroad while being attacked by the media at home, Mr Hamilton said. A free press was essential to modern democracy, he conceded, "but a licentious press is subversive to it".

The truth was "that there is no sleaze in Government here", he said, in stark contrast to European countries such as Italy, Spain and France. Mr Hamilton reassured the Prime Minister: "I shall play my full part in supporting the Government as a backbencher."

He said he had enjoyed piloting the Deregulation Act through the House last year and added: "Now that I am a stoker in the engine room of the ship, I intend to enjoy that role as well."

Mr Hamilton said he had accepted that he had to relinquish office, "but I cannot accept the suggestion that I abused my position as a Member of this House or betrayed the trust reposed in me by the Prime Minister.

"I bitterly resent the suggestion that I was prepared to accept payment in cash or kind to ask parliamentary questions or change my opinions."



Hamilton: no illegal dealings with Al Fayeds

JAMES MORGAN



Cedric Brown, who joined British Gas at 16. It was the death of his father, he says, that spurred him to succeed

Gas man's pay increase soars over company norm

BY ERIC REGULY

THE salary increase of Cedric Brown, British Gas chief executive, is hefty by the boardroom standards of top companies and positively lavish for a utility.

British Gas's remuneration committee raised Mr Brown's basic annual salary by 75 per cent, to £475,000. By comparison, top executives of British companies, both public and private, received an average pay increase of 19.2 per cent last year, according to the Labour Research Department. The independent research firm measures salary and bonuses, but not income from share options.

While many directors of large companies earn much more than Mr Brown, among utilities, he will be second only to Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of British Telecom. Sir Iain earned £663,000 in the last financial year.

The biggest pay rise among water and electricity companies last year went to Sir Desmond Pitcher, the new chairman of North West Water. His 42 per cent rise over his predecessor's pay took him to £338,000.

A British Gas spokeswoman said comparisons to water and electricity companies were *unfair because they were* smaller and did not have international operations. But Steve Tatton, editor of Income Data Services Management Pay Review, a pay research company, said Mr Brown's pay increase was a "pretty big rise" considering that British *Gas had no competition in* Britain.

Mr Brown, 59, has spent almost his entire career at British Gas. Brought up in Yorkshire, he joined the company after leaving school at 16 in 1952 as a laboratory assistant in the company's East Midlands branch.

It was his father's death at that time, that Mr Brown says made him both sufficiently *mature and ambitious to* embark on the long climb up the corporate ladder.

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PAY LEAGUE

Top directors' pay and rises over previous year:
- **Peter Wood, Royal Bank of Scotland: £18.5m (+202%)**
- **Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Escaway and other cos: £11.3m (-2.4%)**
- **Phil Collins, Philip Collins: £10.6m (-16.4%)**
- **Cameron Mackintosh, Cameron Mackintosh: £10.3m (+5.5%)**
- **Mark Knopfler, Cheriscourt: £9.1m (+243%)**
- **Graham Kirkham, DFS Furniture: £8.8m (+54%)**
- **Eric Clapton, Marshbrook: £7.3m (+88%)**
- **Jim Fifield, Thorn EMI: £7.2m (+53%)**
- **Michael Morton, Britannia Hotels: £4.5m (+99%)**
- **Alexander Langsam, Britannia Hotels: £4.5m (+99%)**

Gas pay 'concerns' Major

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done is broadly said, 'We are now a world-class company. We're winning for Britain and we are going to show people the whole story of what our executives earn'."

Mr Heseltine later seemed to have modified his stance, telling the Commons that the Government believed it was necessary to exercise restraint. "Restraint can be exercised by the market or by the shareholders. But *the fact of the* matter is that, where there are increases in remuneration above the level of inflation, they have to be paid for by productivity and by rising profitability," he said.

The increase was condemned by Labour, which pressed the Chancellor to give the go-ahead for cuts in gas prices to compensate for the rise. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said people across the country would be angry and appalled at such a windfall when their own gas *bills were going up.*

At the door of his mansion-style house in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, a relaxed Cedric Brown, 59, gave his opinion of the pay-rise storm. Asked if he thought he was being paid too much, he paused for a second before saying: "No I don't, quite frankly."

The father of four added that he believed it was important for a company to set salaries in line with the demands of the market. "Company salaries should be *enough to attract, motivate* and retain top managers," he said.

Mr Brown, currently on holiday, insisted that he would have earned £400,000 anyway under his old pay deal, which included bonuses. Under the new shake-up, he will get just the basic pay.

Jack Cunningham, the shadow Industry Secretary, attacked the increase and gave a *warning that Labour would* try to amend forthcoming legislation to give the gas regulator powers to curb such rises. "The people of Britain are fed up with being ripped off and over-charged by people in private monopoly industries giving themselves huge salary increases."

Dr Cunningham accused Mr Heseltine of being the only person on the Tory benches willing to defend the pay rises. "It really is an abuse of private monopoly power and you should have said so loud and clear," he told him.

VAT revolt fears

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fingers." The motives of the leaker *was the subject of the* greatest curiosity at Westminster and among Tory insiders.

The document reflected the finding of private research into the Government's image with disaffected Tories.

Mr Maples called on the party leadership to unleash its *"yobbos" on Mr Blair in the* Commons and consider adopting policies that might expose divisions between the Labour leader and his wider party.

But it was the recommendations on policy that caused most confusion and embarrassment for the Government, particularly as Mr Maples was backed publicly by many Conservative MPs.

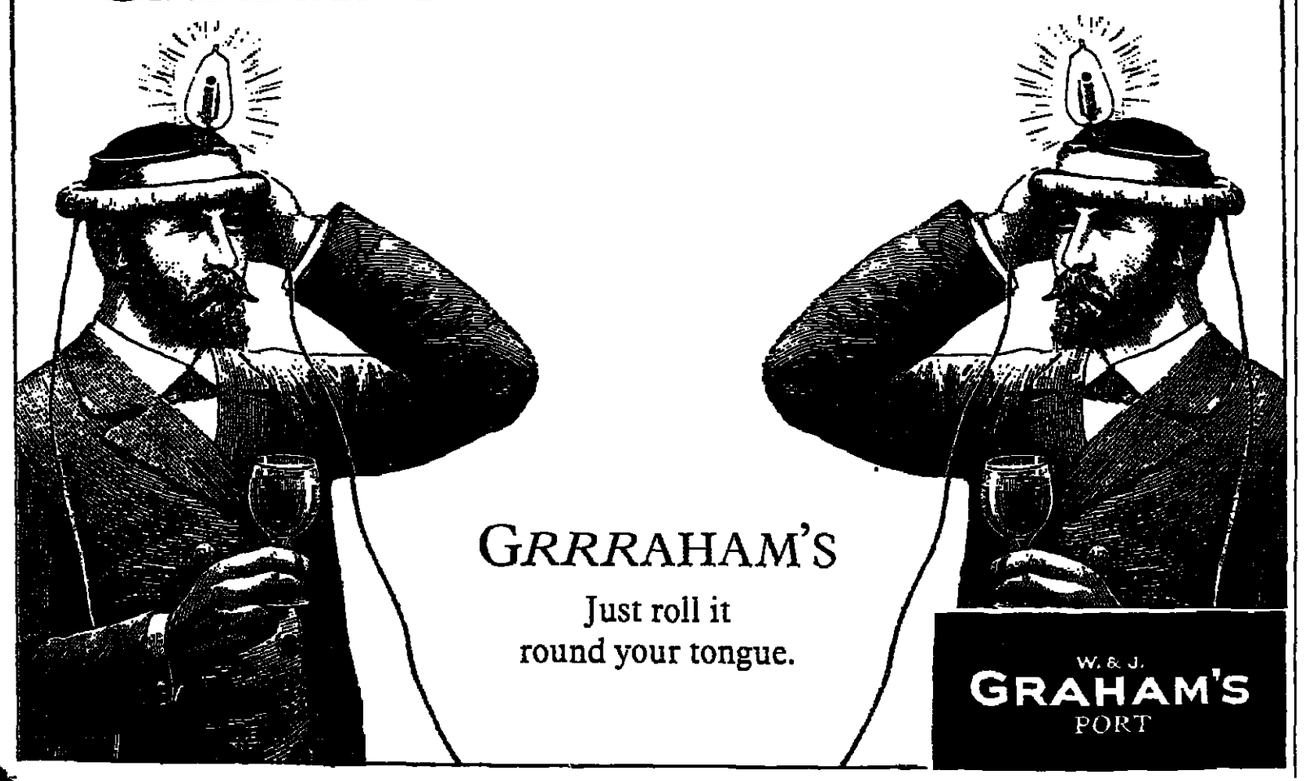
Tory finance committee chairman John Townend said: "There is always a tendency for those in power, who are busy with the day-to-day work of running the country, to say that this is just mid-term blues. I have felt for some time that our problems are rather deeper-seated."

Mr Hanley led a damage limitation exercise. He described Mr Maples as "superb" and claimed the bluntly worded document was an early and unfinished draft, designed simply to reflect feelings expressed by voters. "We were listening to people, we were listening very carefully indeed to some of the issues." But when asked whether he was *recommending that* Kenneth Clarke should not go ahead with the VAT rise Mr Hanley replied: "The Chancellor will make his decisions in next week's Budget. It is not for me to say. What I am saying and there are a number of people around the country *who believe the second* tranche is uncomfortable for them It is my job to pass that message on."

But the leak was a gift for Labour. Mr Blair said it showed Labour was getting the policy issues right while the Conservatives were not.

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Bishop defends decision to sack vicar over third marriage



Chalcraft: stunned by bishop's decision

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Norwich yesterday defended his decision to sack a vicar because he wants to marry for the third time. The Rev Kit Chalcraft, the priest-in-charge of 13 parishes in rural Norfolk, is to have his licence withdrawn in February because he intends to marry Suzanne Hall, a widow.

The Right Rev Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich, said yesterday: "A clergyman who marries for the third time following two divorces can in no way bear witness effectively to Christian standards of marriage. The Church's standard of marriage is clear. A marriage is for life.

"Mr Chalcraft has been well aware of the consequences of a third marriage for a long time."

In a letter to the bishop a year ago, Mr Chalcraft said: "I accept that if I decide to marry for the third time, in the light of the Church's teaching about marriage, I can no longer continue to hold your licence as priest-in-charge of the Hilborough group of parishes."

The bishop's decision will again focus attention on the Church of England's confused stance over divorce and remarriage, which will be debated at the General Synod next week. The synod will debate a private member's motion calling for the rules to be changed so divorcees can remarry in church.

Mr Chalcraft, 56, of Gooderstone, said: "I still feel pretty stunned but the support people are giving me is amazing." Mrs Hall, a former television presenter widowed ten years ago, said: "Kit is a totally dedicated clergyman. He has been in the ministry for 27 years and to have his job taken away from him because of me is a pretty stiff sentence."

Mr Chalcraft's first 22-year marriage ended in divorce in 1987 when he was a team vicar in Norfolk's Bramerton group of parishes. He remarried that year and was moved to the Hilborough parishes. His second marriage ended in divorce in 1992.

The bishop said another factor was that Mr Chalcraft did not always stay at Gooderstone Rectory, his official residence. He had interviewed him, after which Mr Chalcraft wrote to the bishop assuring him he would live alone at the rectory.

Bishop Nott said that after complaints from parishioners that he was not living at the rectory, he interviewed him again this month. "In the light of Mr Chalcraft's intention to marry for the third time, because he has not heeded the warnings about his lifestyle, and because he has broken a solemn undertaking, I have been forced to give him notice that his licence will be revoked."

Dot Lake, 71, whose husband Cyril, 72, is churchwarden said: "Everyone is broken-hearted and disgusted about the way he has been treated. It's not his fault he's been divorced, but he's being punished for it."

According to new research, there has been a big rise in the number of clergy couples seeking help with troubled marriages.



Hall: "Kit is a totally dedicated clergyman"

Barmaid's sacking over racist video 'inexcusable'

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A BLACK barmaid suffered racial discrimination when a video that included racist jokes was played in the pub where she worked, a tribunal has ruled. The decision was hailed yesterday by the Commission for Racial Equality as a victory for workers objecting to humour based on race.

The tribunal said it was "inexcusable" to dismiss Maria Ampadu, 30, for walking out of the bar because she objected to the act of Jim Davidson, the brash Cockney comedian. A further hearing on December 19 will decide on compensation.

Davidson said last night: "I side with this woman. If people want to see my shows or buy my videos they know what to expect. This was a public place and it should not have been forced on people who didn't want to see it."

Ms Ampadu, of Salford, Greater Manchester, a student and part-time barmaid, was working in the Church Inn at Little Lever, Bolton, with 30 white customers when the video was requested by men celebrating a twenty-first birthday party last March. "I was feeling sick," she told the tribunal in Manchester. "I knew what to expect because I've heard his jokes about black people before."

The video was worse than she had feared. "Some of the customers at the bar were too embarrassed to look at me," she said.

The jokes included lewd references to black men's anatomy, then Davidson began telling jokes about his fictional character Chalky, a West Indian stereotype. "He started to use the Chalky voice," Ms Ampadu said. "This is the worst way to portray black people. I felt stupid, like an idiot." She said the customers around the bar fell silent. After listening to three minutes of racist humour, the barmaid, by now "very upset", went into the hallway to telephone her mother to ask for advice on what she should do.

Evelyn Mullane, the landlady, asked what was going on and Ms Ampadu complained that she was offended by the video. Ms Mullane explained that Davidson's jokes involved attacking a number of different sections of the community, but Ms Ampadu said she was not prepared to work under those conditions. The landlady told her to "go and don't come back".

Ms Mullane, who represented herself, told the tribunal that she had never thought of Ms Ampadu as black. The very fact that she had appointed her in the first place showed she was not a racist. She had put on the video without any thought whatsoever about the barmaid, and dismissed her because she was not prepared to take orders given to her by her boss.

The video was played to the tribunal hearing in September when Ms Ampadu was again the only black person in a room full of whites listening to the jokes, this time in embarrassed silence.

The three-man tribunal gave its written decision yesterday. The video, it concluded, "contained a number of jokes which were either offensive or potentially offensive". Jokes with a racist element lasted for a period of seven minutes. The tribunal decided unanimously that Ms Ampadu had experienced racial discrimination under the Race Relations Act 1976 on two grounds. First, she was subject to the embarrassment of being the only black person in a room full of people who were laughing at racist jokes. That amounted to "less favourable treatment" on grounds of race. Most important, she had been dismissed because she complained about the playing of the tape.

Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, said yesterday: "Racially offensive jokes in the workplace can be very hurtful, deeply embarrassing and humiliating. Employees should not have to work with the fear of dismissal if they complain about offensive and humiliating conditions of work."

"We welcome the fact that the industrial tribunals have yet again shown that they will take firm action against those employers who do not respect their employees' rights."



Davidson: agreed with the tribunal

MARTIN BEDDALL



839,254 reasons to be cheerful: George Snell, his daughter Tricia and grand-daughter Katie at the reception

Jackpot winner walks out on fame

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ONE privilege of winning lots of money is that it entitles you to keep people waiting and to walk out on them when you choose. That prerogative was exercised with alacrity yesterday by George Snell, who with his family netted £839,254 in this week's National Lottery draw.

Camelot, the organiser of the National Lottery, laid on a press conference at the Moor Park Golf Club, Hertfordshire, for holders of two of the seven jackpot tickets. The event started half an hour late with the arrival of Mr Snell, 69, a retired miner from Edmonton, north London, who looked mightily displeased with his good fortune.

Mr Snell, who wore a suit, purple sweater, open necked shirt, and tattoos on the backs of his hands, had been initially unwilling to attend, but was prevailed upon by his daughter, Tricia Marden, who accompanied him with her three-year-old daughter Katie. Mrs Marden, who is sharing the £839,254 with her father, said that he was not in the best of health, and reckoned she had done well to get him to come this far.

Mr Snell faced the barrage of cameras. "Put your arm round your daughter," pleaded one photographer. "Put your arm around Katie," pleaded another. "No," Mr Snell said curtly. "No."

Would he hold a bottle of champagne? "No," he said, until it was thrust into his hand. A woman photographer stepped forward to try to rearrange the group. She put one hand on Mr Snell's arm. He was off, heading out of the club, across the lawn and into the cover of the golf club cocktail bar, where he stayed until the ceremonies ended.

The other winner attending the press conference, Kenneth Southwell, of York, disclosed that he had been subcontracted by his Knaresborough employer Tele Aerials Satellite Limited to install some of Camelot's terminals in stores.



Ken Southwell and his girlfriend Julie Haskins

Army mock battle led to fight between Majors

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PARACHUTE Regiment major repeatedly punched the battalion's second in command, who had criticised his tactics during a mock battle in Kenya, a court martial was told yesterday.

Major Peter Kennedy launched into a furious attack on Major Graham Carruthers, it was alleged at Aldershot, Hampshire. The two officers of 3 Para had to be pulled apart by colleagues after the flare-up on the last night of a six-day exercise using live ammunition.

Major Kennedy denies assault causing actual bodily harm and common assault. The court martial was told the clash happened after Major Kennedy, commanding officer of C Company, led an advance party of troops into an attack on an enemy position.

Major Carruthers was supervising the exercises, debriefing the three company commanders afterwards.

Major Carruthers told the court: "I asked how he felt the attack had gone and he replied he thought it had gone well with a few minor errors. I agreed with him in general terms ... I told him I felt the speed and route he had taken was non-tactical and the forming-up point was too close to the enemy and would have been too dangerous."

Major Carruthers said that initially Major Kennedy's attitude was firm, not particularly friendly, "and when I made the comments about the move to the forming-up point he got quite heated. He then turned his back on me. I said to him, 'Don't turn your back on me because I haven't finished my de-brief', and to reinforce that point I reached out and took hold of his sleeve.

"He continued to move and then turned and punched me underneath my left eye. I stepped back and as soon as the blow had been struck I shouted to the company sergeant-major that I had been struck in the face by his company commander. This seemed to enrage Major Kennedy.

"He said: 'I'll get you for that', and he came towards me raining blows to my head and upper body. There were four or five more blows. Major Carruthers said he had cuts and bruises around his eye and an injured nose and ear.

When interviewed by Army investigators, Major Kennedy said he had acted in self-defence and insisted that Major Carruthers grabbed him and that as he tried to free himself he accidentally struck him in the face.

Major Kennedy had claimed that Major Carruthers then went berserk and attacked him while he tried to break free, because he (Major Kennedy) had a loaded rifle around his arm and was worried it would go off.

The case continues.

Tube man haunted by King's Cross awarded £375,000

A TICKET collector traumatised by the King's Cross Underground station fire seven years ago was yesterday awarded record damages of £375,616 for psychological injuries that wrecked his life. Mahendra Parmar, 44, still lives with the terror of the fireball that claimed 31 lives, the High Court was told.

Despite fears for his own safety he stayed to the last minute, helping others to get clear. "He is one of the heroes of the fire," George Pulman, QC, his counsel, said. Mr Parmar, of Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, was on duty on the Metropolitan Line when the fire broke out on the night of November 18, 1987. "As smoke filtered through, he suffered great fear and worry about his own safety," Mr Pulman said.

"The terror to which he was exposed has stayed with him. But ultimately he did not think of his own safety but of his duty. He stayed until the last possible moment, when the last rescue train came through, to make sure that anyone who could get out did get out."

The agreed award to Mr Parmar against London Underground, which admitted liability, was for post-traumatic stress disorder which, Mr Pulman said, had destroyed his life and prevented him from working.

Mr Pulman said that before the fire Mr Parmar was a cheerful family man who enjoyed his work and social life. But he now walked with the aid of a stick because of physical disabilities brought on by his severe depressive illness. A psychiatrist had described his condition as the worst case of post-traumatic stress she had encountered, he said.

The previous highest award for stress arising from the fire was £147,683 to fireman Paul Hale, a fireman who had gone back into the blaze six times. So far, 81 claims have been settled. Five are outstanding.

Ravens seen nesting in Scotland

Mild spell leaves wildlife in limbo

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AND NICK NUTTALL

BRITAIN is heading for its hottest November since measurements began more than 300 years ago, confusing hibernating animals and threatening a surge in rat and insect populations.

Temperatures in central England have averaged 10.5C so far this month, a full degree warmer than the November of 1818, the hottest to date, and 3.5 degrees above the average since 1659 when records started. "Watch this space. This will be one of the warmest if not the warmest November ever," a Met Office spokesman said.

Nick Brown of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust said that the weather was likely to play havoc with hibernating animals such as hedgehogs and bats. The warmer weather means they will "wake up and use up their fat reserves and suffer if a cold snap happens", Mr Brown said.

Scotland does not have a strictly comparable set of records, but the temperature at Glasgow airport has averaged 9.5C so far this month, according to the Climate Office in Edinburgh. The previous November record was 8.1C measured at Glasgow in 1938.

David Mitchell of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in Scotland said he had seen a pair of ravens carrying nest building material north of Perth over the weekend. "The raven is a very early breeding bird but this is three or four months too early."

Anyone hoping that the unseasonally warm weather might trigger a white Christmas in reaction is likely to be disappointed, at least if 1818 is a guide. The Met Office said the November of that year was followed by an unexceptional December and January where temperatures averaged between 3.6C and 4.4C. "The winter was not spectacular and certainly not very cold," a spokesman said.

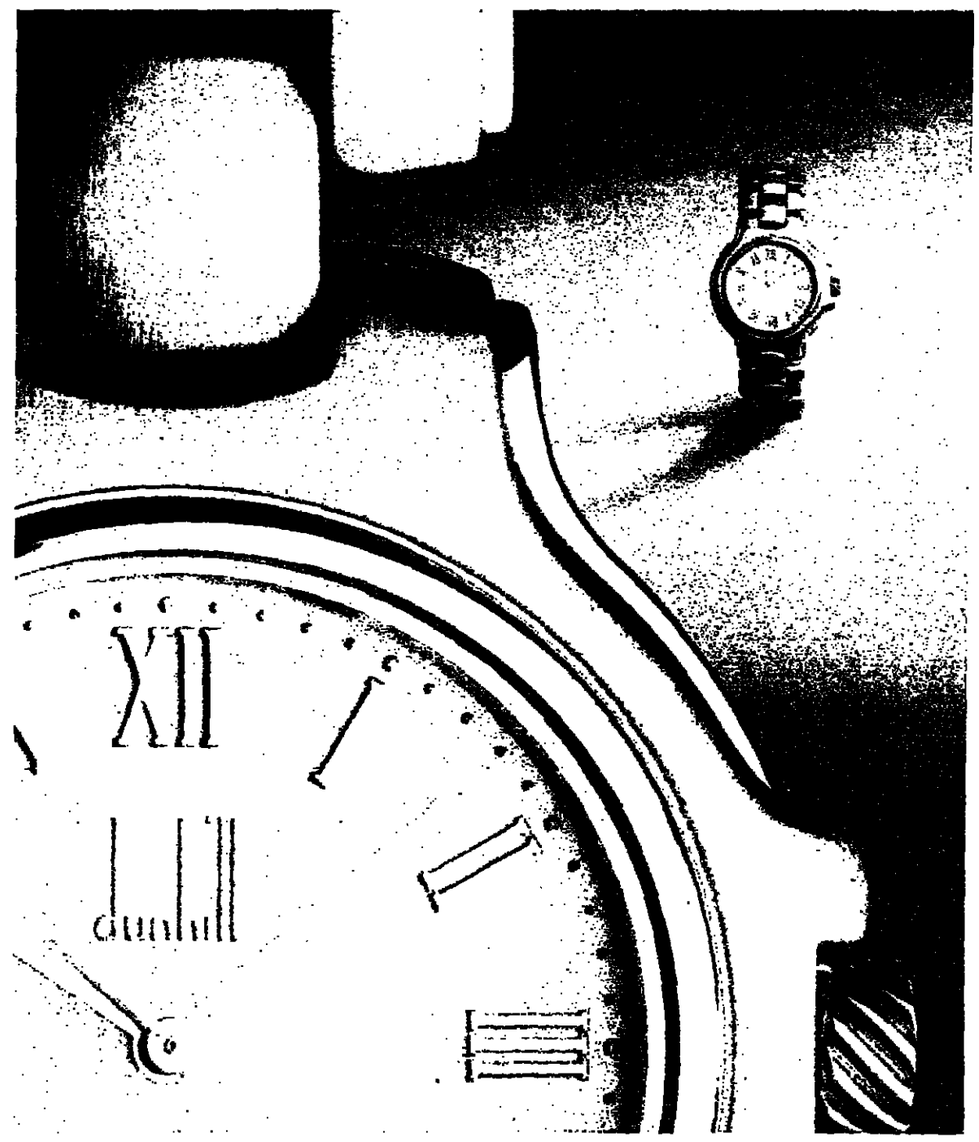
Scientists said the warm weather could be a signal of global warming caused by the so-called greenhouse effect, but cautioned that too much should not be read into a single month's statistics. In fact, the temperature over the autumn as a whole, which is deemed to run from September 1 to November 30, has been about average.

Bruce Callander, who heads the secretariat co-ordinating research for the United Nations inter-governmental panel on climate change, said: "It is not inconsistent with global warming. In this part of the world we would expect slightly milder, wetter winters with less effect on summers."

Graham Jukes, director of professional and technical services at the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, urged the Government to set up a rodent control programme. In recent years the numbers of rats in Britain and infestations in homes have risen by 40 per cent.

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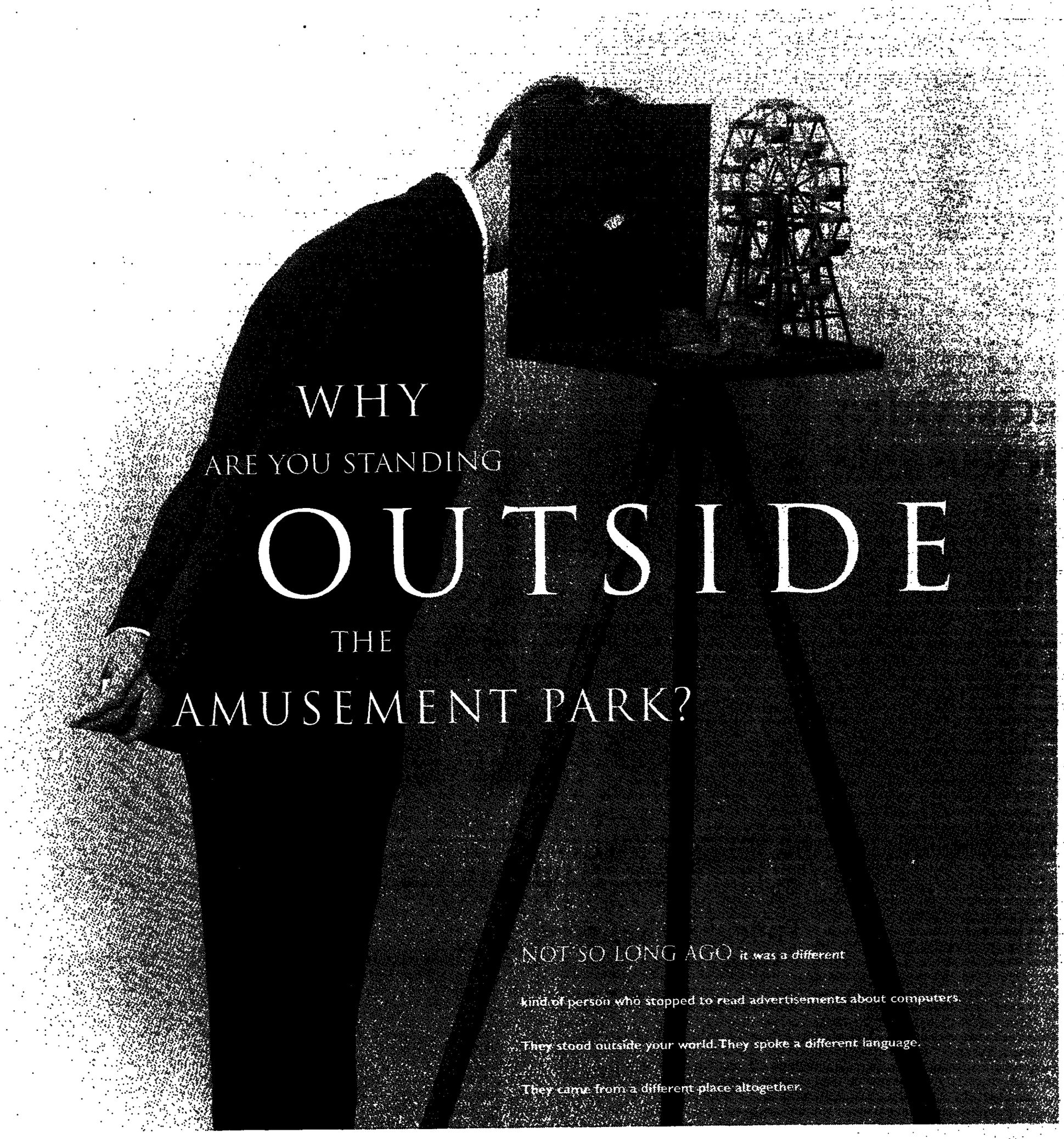
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Shephard says majority of schools improved results 'thanks to powerful stimulus of comparison'

Head teachers say league tables are crude and flawed

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

SCHOOL league tables, published today for the third time, have attracted fresh controversy despite ministers' claims that they help to raise standards in education.

Head teachers and the Liberal Democrats condemned the examination and truancy tables as flawed and Labour, while accepting the principle behind national comparisons, said that they should provide a clearer and fuller picture of what was happening in schools.

David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, dismissed claims by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, that the tables provided "a powerful stimulus" to schools. He said the exercise added little to parents' knowledge of schools' achievements. "These crude examination tables remain flawed and, until the Government is prepared to adopt a total value-added approach, they will continue to operate unfairly," he said. Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said the tables failed to judge the work done in schools.

The 109 tables for English authorities published by the Education Department today show that 56 per cent of schools improved their GCSE results in 1994. The average performance at A level has also risen.

Some have achieved spectacular increases. Stour Valley Community School, in Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire, was one of a select band which more than trebled the proportion of pupils with five A-C passes at GCSE, overtaking 16 of the county's schools in a single year. Warwickshire education authority had planned to close the school, which has to compete for pupils with popular comprehensives in Gloucestershire and nearby grammar schools. But a 20 per cent rise in applications and a protest meeting attended by 1,000 parents saved it.

☐ More than 1 million booklets giving information on GCSE, A-level and vocational examination results, as well as truancy rates and classroom time, will be delivered to secondary schools and colleges. The tables have been compressed this year, reducing the volume of paper from 228 to 130 tonnes.

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Jean Else, new head of the school with the highest rate of truancy in England

Manchester worst but truancy in cities is falling

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

SCHOOLS in England's biggest cities have the worst record for truancy, according to new figures, but the hours lost have declined since statistics were first published last year.

Of the 100 state schools with the worst attendance records, today's tables show 30 are in London, ten in Manchester, five in Leeds and Birmingham and four in Nottingham.

Overall, the total teaching time missed through truanting has fallen from 2.1 per cent to 1.8 per cent. But the amount of time pupils missed with permission — for reasons ranging from illness to work experience — was 11.9 per cent.

Manchester reported the highest truancy rate. Attendance averaged 83.8 per cent, with pupils truanting for 4 per cent of lessons. A further 13.2 per cent of half-days were missed by pupils with permission. Barnet, in north London, is least affected, with only 0.2 per cent of teaching time lost. Last year's tables showed that one in eight pupils had absconded for at least one half-day of schooling in the previous 12 months.

After some schools boycotted the exercise and many schools and authorities disputed their figures, ministers agreed to change the measures for this year's tables.

The school with the worst record is Whalley Range High School for Girls in Manchester with 14 per cent of time lost to truanting. Jean Else, 42, who was appointed head teacher in September, said she was determined to tackle the problem. She has appointed two anti-truancy officers and plans to play pop music and introduce aerobics classes in the school foyer at lunchtime in an effort to keep girls in school. "We're not being soft," she said.

Private schools ready to defend charity status

By Ben Preston

INDEPENDENT schools warned Labour yesterday that it would face a legal battle if it tried to abolish their charitable status.

The Independent Schools Information Service said it would defend the financial advantages that accrue to more than 1,000 schools registered as charities against a renewed threat from David Blunkett, the new shadow Education Secretary.

Dick Davison, deputy director of Isis, said any change to charitable status would be exceedingly complicated, take up huge amounts of parliamentary time and then be open to challenge in the courts. Lawyers have advised Isis that Labour might fall foul of the European Convention on Human Rights if the move went ahead.

Jack Straw, Labour's former education spokesman, dropped a plan to withdraw charitable status from schools that did not share their facilities with local people and state school neighbours just before the 1992 general election.

Mr Davison said: "Labour has blown hot and cold on the issue of charitable status. We hope that when Mr Blunkett gets his feet under the desk and considers the issue in depth, he will think again."

He said: "Labour wants an equitable education system but its present policy of abolishing the assisted places and apparently scrapping charitable status would leave independent schools as the preserve of the rich."

A survey in 1991 found that while independent schools received £41 million in tax relief, they distributed bursaries and scholarships worth £54 million.

Labour has hardened its stance on independent schools since Tony Blair became leader in July. Mr Blunkett said in a television interview on Sunday that it was unacceptable for the taxpayer to sustain children at private schools by granting them tax relief because it meant "all of us are paying for someone else to get a privileged education". Mr Blunkett also wants to abolish the assisted places scheme that gives independent schools £90 million in subsidies each year to educate bright children from lower-income families.

Mr Blair said during the campaign for the Labour leadership that the party was looking at proposals to impose VAT on school fees. The annual average private school fees of about £5,000 would rise by £875 if VAT was introduced at 17.5 per cent.

Independent schools nervous about a Labour government are starting to mobilise parents against the party's education policy in the run-up to the next general election. A campaigning organisation, Friends of Independent Schools, has been established. It aims to sign up 50,000 of the 300,000 parents who pay for their children's education. An annual membership payment of £3 for the organisation is being added automatically to fees at 140 schools, although parents can opt out of the payment.

New ballot confirms opt-out vote

By A Staff Reporter

PARENTS at a school in South Wales yesterday dealt a blow to the Government's opt-out policy after a re-run ballot, ordered by the Welsh Office, showed an even greater majority against seeking grant-maintained status. Nearly 70 per cent voted against West Monmouth Comprehensive, Pontypool, Gwent, leaving local authority control — 10 per cent more than in the original ballot.

John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, vetoed the first result in July using his powers under the Education Act after complaints from some opt-out campaigners of inaccurate and misleading leaflets.

Don Touhig, a Gwent county councillor and governor of the school, who is opposed to opting out, said: "We are delighted that even more parents want to maintain the partnership with the local authority as the best way forward for the school."



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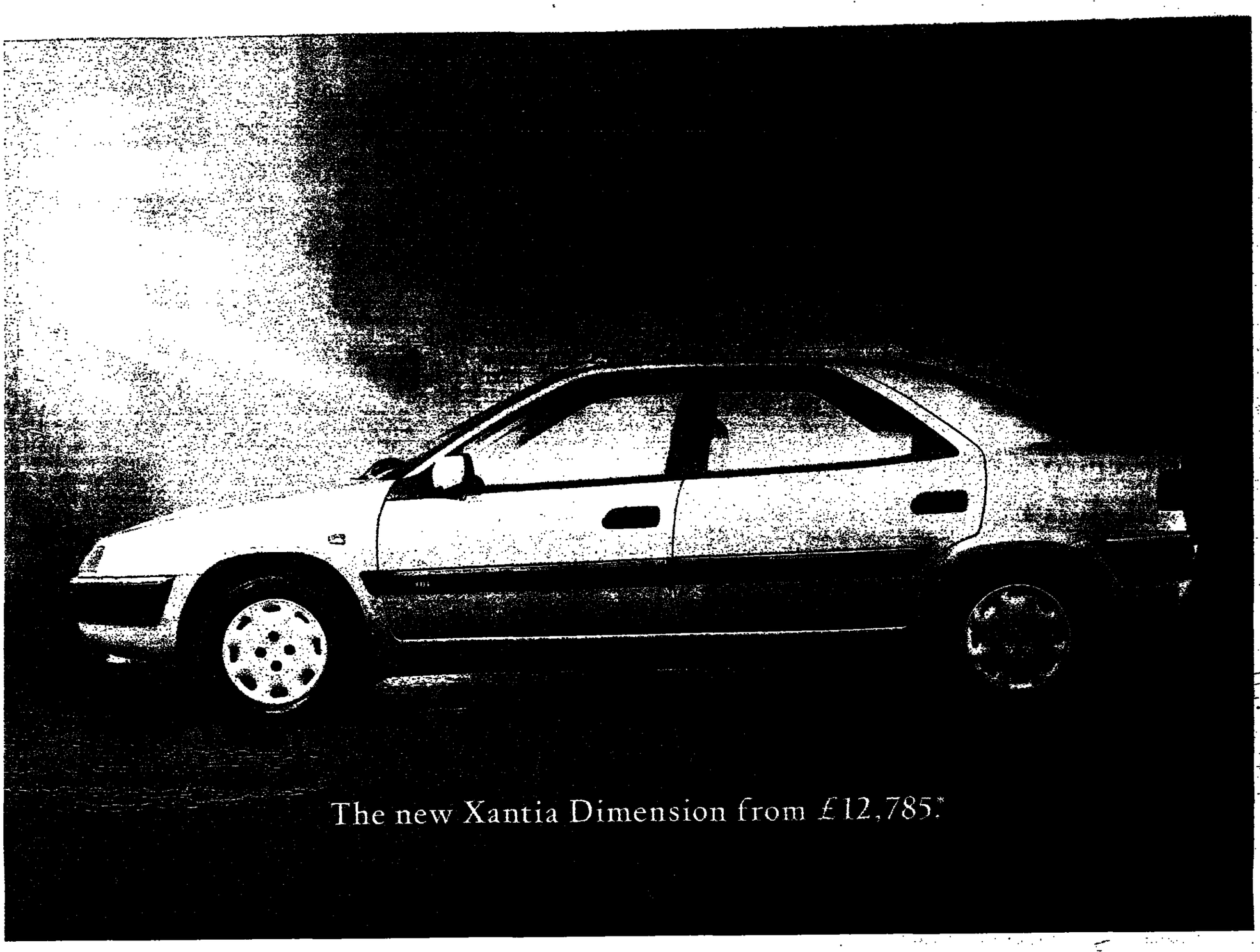
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Nurse launches first Gulf War syndrome claim against MoD

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER Territorial Army nurse is suing the Ministry of Defence for sickness and stress she blames on anti-nerve gas tablets given to her during the Gulf War. In the first case of "Gulf War syndrome" to go to court in Britain, Katherine Lamb, 33, is claiming a "substantial" five-figure sum at the Court of Session in Edinburgh, her lawyers said yesterday.

Mrs Lamb is one of more than 400 veterans of the war claiming to be suffering from a mystery illness which includes breathlessness, pains in the joints, vomiting, loss of memory and fainting spells. Lawyers collating 430 cases are awaiting a decision this week on whether legal aid will be granted to pursue the claims against the MoD.

Gulf syndrome was first coined following allegations that servicemen in the United States had been affected by leaks of chemical and biological warfare agents in Kuwait and Iraq. However, a variety of possible causes have since been claimed, including alleged side-effects from taking tablets to counter the threat from chemical or biological attacks, known as nerve agent pre-treatment sets (Naps).

Mrs Lamb claimed yesterday that Gulf troops were not made aware of the risks of taking the tablets and that she was treated as a guinea-pig. A captain with the Glasgow-based 205 (Scottish) General Hospital medical TA unit, she volunteered to serve at a military hospital in the Gulf and was there when the allied air campaign began in January 1991.

Mrs Lamb who is a nurse in civilian life, said that before leaving for the Gulf she had 15 injections of different vaccines, including an anti-anthrax vaccine. On arrival she was given Naps tablets every six hours in case of a nerve-gas attack.

She said that after taking the tablets she suffered breathlessness, nausea and fainting spells. After two weeks she was flown to a military hospital in Woolwich, south London, where she spent a week being examined by psychiatrists. She said she continued to feel mentally and physically unwell and was medically discharged from the TA.

Mrs Lamb, of Helensburgh in Strathclyde, said: "I discovered recently that the Naps tablets we were being given were apparently untried and we were being used as guinea-pigs. Many people who took them later developed a variety of symptoms now being called Gulf War syndrome or Desert Storm syndrome."

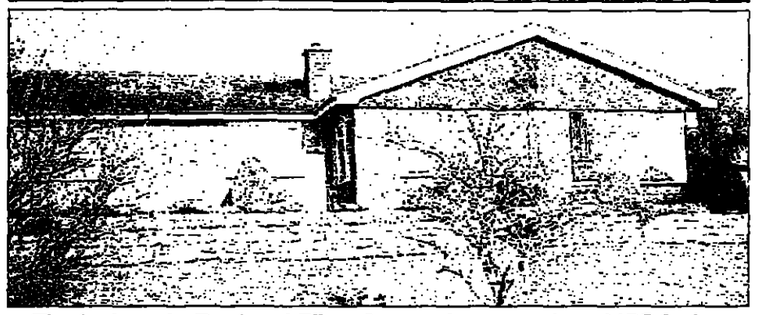
Cameron Fyfe, her lawyer, said: "It seems that in America the Defence Department is paying out compensation to those who received these tablets. Weight loss, blackouts and sickness are among the recognised side-effects."

Paul Ash, who has formed the Gulf Veterans Association to try to persuade the MoD to recognise Gulf War syndrome as a genuine illness, said his own sufferings made him worry about what would happen to his health in the future. Mr Ash, 27, from Cramlington, Northumberland, who served with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in the Gulf War, left the Army 12 months ago.

A spokesman for the MoD said that out of the 45,000 British troops who had served in the war, 416 cases of the alleged syndrome had been referred to the ministry. Of those, 160 had agreed to have a medical examination and so far 40 had been seen.

The official added: "We have still to find anything that could be recognised as peculiar to Gulf service."





The dead couple, Derek and Eileen Severs, who was made an MBE for her charity work, and the bungalow they shared with their accused son Roger

Son accused of battering his parents to death

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN clubbed his wealthy parents to death after they refused to lend him money, used his father's car to drive their bodies to a nearby wood and dumped them in a shallow grave, a court was told yesterday. Roger Severs was said to have covered them with more than two tons of soil, roof tiles, gravel, sticks and leaves.

John Goldring, QC, for the prosecution, told Nottingham Crown Court that to allay suspicions about his parents' disappearance, Mr Severs spent the next day delivering prizes to the winners of a raffle his mother had helped to organise.

Mr Severs, 38, denies murdering his father Derek, 68, and mother Eileen, 69, at the £300,000 bungalow he temporarily shared with them at Upper Hambleton, Leicestershire, a year ago.

Mr Goldring said the couple were decent and hard-working. But their only child was quite unlike them and caused them great worry. He had no proper job, had had a succession of failed relationships, was perennially short of money and an habitual liar.

Mr Goldring said that a few days before the killings Mr Severs learnt that his father had lent £10,000 to another man to buy a pub.

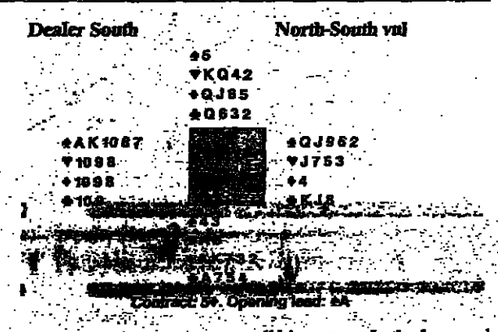
On the day the couple were killed Mrs Severs was attacked with a heavy weapon which could have been a hammer. Mr Goldring said Mr Severs struck his mother at least eight times and she fell to the floor, her skull fractured. It took her half-an-hour to die. Mr Severs was attacked with the same weapon outside the bungalow.

Their bodies were then bundled into his Rover car, taken to a nearby wood and dumped in a shallow grave. Mr Goldring said. Over a period Mr Severs built a mound over them, covering it with leaves, sticks and gravel.

The case continues.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer South — **North-South vul**



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is a hand from the Deauville tournament. South was Mark Teltscher, aged 14, and North was his father Bernard, age unrevealed. The Teltschers bid themselves into Five Diamonds, against which West led the ace of spades. At trick two West continued with the ten of clubs. What should the declarer do?

Answer: with this club holding, the best play is normally to lead up to the queen. But when West switched to a club, Mark wisely played low, reasoning that West was unlikely to be leading away from the king. He also ducked in hand, and West continued clubs.

Mark now won with the ace, ruffed a spade and played off all his trumps. In the four card ending the declarer held ace and another heart and two small clubs; dummy had the king, queen and two little hearts. East could not hold four hearts and the king of clubs — whatever he discarded gave declarer his eleventh trick. The squeeze developed automatically. The good play on the hand was ducking the ten of clubs.

☐ The Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship, in association with *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, will be played at the White House Hotel, Albany Street, London, from January 25 to 27. Details and tickets from the English Bridge Union, Broadfields, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP19 3BG (0296 394414).

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Small victories

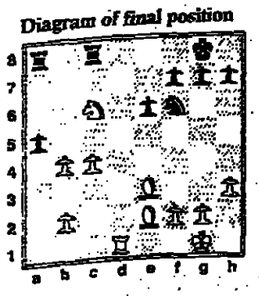
A miniature game of chess is defined as one which finishes in 25 moves or less. The fourth Cafe Baroque tournament, currently in progress in London's Covent Garden, has already proved a rich source of such miniature victories. Here are two.

White: McDonald
Black: Holland
Cafe Baroque, November 1994

Scandinavian Defence

1	e4	d5
2	exd5	Nf6
3	d4	Nxd5
4	c4	Nf6
5	Nc3	e6
6	Nf3	Be7
7	Be2	0-0
8	0-0	Nbd7
9	h3	c5
10	Be3	cxd4
11	Nxd4	a6
12	Qa4	Qc7

Diagram of final position



13	Rac1	Ne5
14	Rfd1	Bd7
15	Qb3	Nc6
16	Nxc6	Bxc6
17	Nb5	Qa5
18	Nd4	Ba4
19	Qxb7	Bxd1
20	Rxd1	Qb4
21	Qxb4	Bxb4
22	Nc6	a5
23	a3	Rfc8
24	axb4	Black resigns

After 24 ... Rxc6 25 Bf3 skewers the rooks.

White: McKenna
Black: Kwiatkowski
Cafe Baroque, November 1994

French Defence

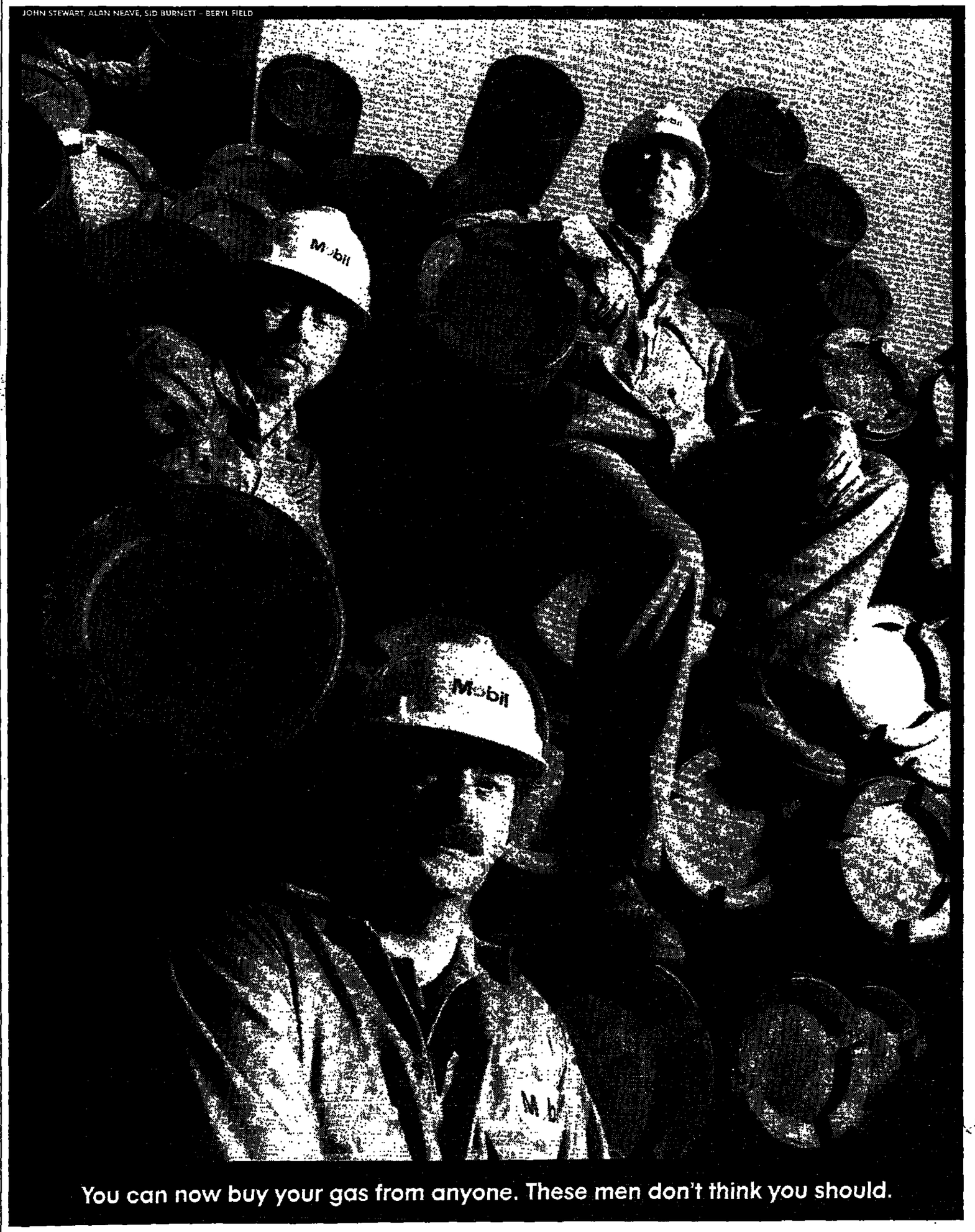
1	e4	e6
2	Nc3	d5
3	Nf3	Bb4
4	a3	Ba5
5	e5	d4
6	Ne2	Nc6
7	c3	dxc3
8	bxc3	Qd5
9	d4	Nge7
10	Bd2	0-0
11	Ng3	f6
12	exf6	Rxf6
13	Bd3	h6
14	0-0	Qd8
15	Qe2	Nf5
16	Nh5	Rf8
17	g4	Nd6
18	Ne5	Nxe5
19	Qxe5	Rf7
20	Qxe5	Black resigns

Leading scores

Leading scores in the Cafe Baroque tournament after five rounds are: Dive 3.5, Cummings and Fatin 3.

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JOHN STEWART, ALAN NEAVE, SID BURNETT – BERYL FIELD

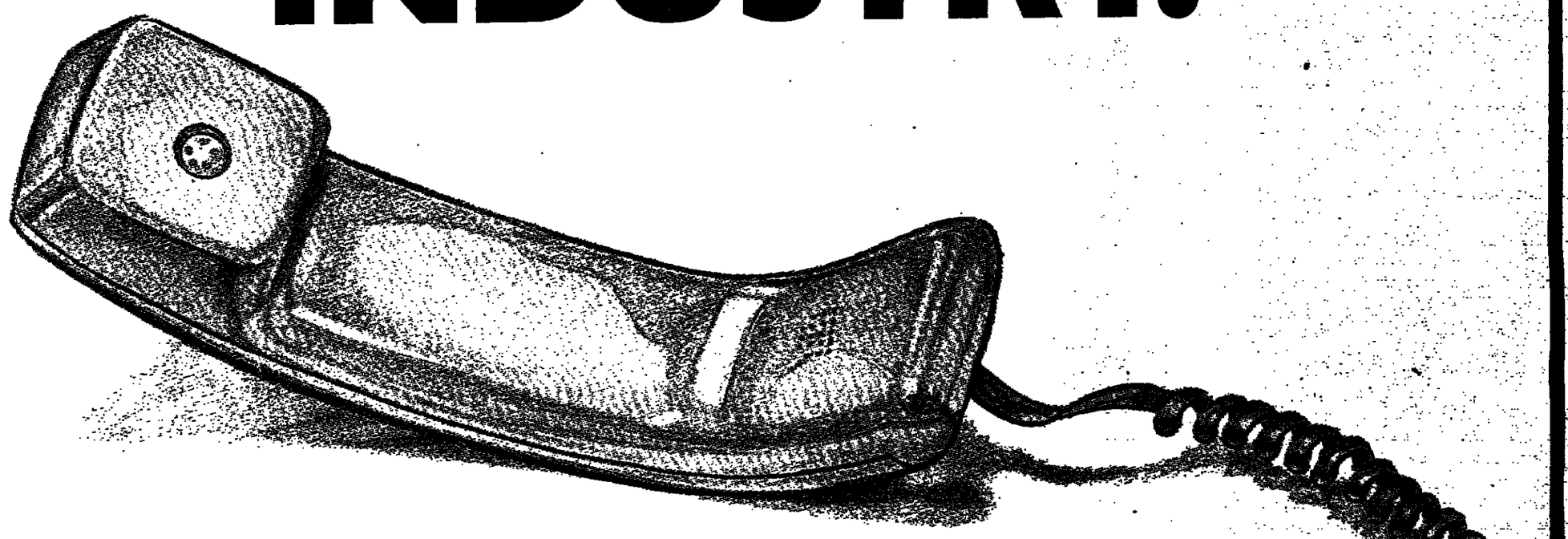


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London Underground and Leyton Orient among sponsors honoured by Duke

Awards celebrate business support of community art

BY DALYA ALBERGE

A LONDON Underground customer information manager was yesterday awarded a prize for his work as a business adviser to an arts group.

Mike Stallard, one of ten winners of the 1994 Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts/Arthur Andersen Awards, gave up his weekends and evenings to help a women's recording studio draw up business plans and secure a three-year grant. Another winner was a Second Division football club which commissioned a play about racism in the sport, which toured around schools.

The awards, in association with *The Times* and presented by The Duke of Kent at the Royal National Theatre, are given annually in recognition of the corporate sector's support of the arts.

Mr Stallard is one of 450 advisers placed by Business in Arts with groups that will benefit from their commercial skills. He helped Ovations, *music services agency Fusion* increasing its income and so enabled them to secure three-year funding from the London Arts Board.

There were loud cheers when Leyton Orient Football Club's community scheme organiser, Neil Watson, was presented with the Increasing Access award. The club had commissioned Arc Theatre Ensemble to write a play about racism in football. The award, a lamp designed by a Royal College of Art student, will be added to the club's other trophies.

Mr Watson said that the play about racism was intended to increase the number of spectators from the black and Asian communities, which make up less than 1 per cent of the crowd. Racism in football is more subtle than the "yob who hurls abuse from the terraces", he said. "It includes the fact that there are no Asian footballers." The play will be performed before a group of MPs at the House of Commons today.

The Times Critics Award went to BT New Contemporaries, the annual touring exhibition and competition for young artists. Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, said that it had been singled out for *provoking debate about the* meaning of art and for recognising over the years artists such as David Hockney and Damien Hirst. As BT's sponsorship of this show had come to an end, Mr Stothard appealed for a new sponsor to step forward.

Sir Simon Hornby, ABSA's chairman, said: "These awards celebrate the very best examples of business support of the arts. The task of the judges to select the winners becomes more and more difficult as the standard of entries becomes higher and higher."

The award for the Commission of *New Art in Any* Medium went to Scottish & Newcastle Breweries-Beck's Bier in partnership with Artangel, for commissioning Rachel Whiteread's public sculpture *House*. The Corporate Programme prize went to *the Royal Bank of Scotland*, which has supported projects such as the new Edinburgh Festival Theatre.

Recognition also went to Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, which in its first year of sponsorship supported the Picasso exhibition, the Tate's most popular modern art show ever. Manchester Airport won an award for its sponsorship of international projects to link the airport with cultural centres and enhance the city's appeal for tourists.

In the Long Term Commitment category, Dartington Crystal was singled out for enabling The Royal School of Art to introduce a glassware section into the Student Design Awards since 1981. The award for a Single Project was won by Allied Domecq, whose sponsorship of the Royal Shakespeare Company was Britain's largest single sponsorship of an arts organisation.

Sponsorship by a Small Business was won by Barefoot Books, a publisher of children's multi-cultural stories, which supported a production by Polka Theatre and commissioned a work for them. The Sponsorship in Kind award went to Ibstock Building Products, which gave 50 tons of clay to the Tate Gallery in Liverpool for an exhibition of clay figures by Antony Gormley, one of the four nominees for the 1994 Turner Prize.

Lloyds Bank was singled out for its Youth Sponsorship — Film Challenge, which, in association with Channel 4, has encouraged young screenwriters.



SIMON WALKER

Mike Stallard, an information manager for London Underground, helped a recording studio obtain funding



Jill Ritblat of BTI New Contemporaries

Father jailed for trying to kill boys

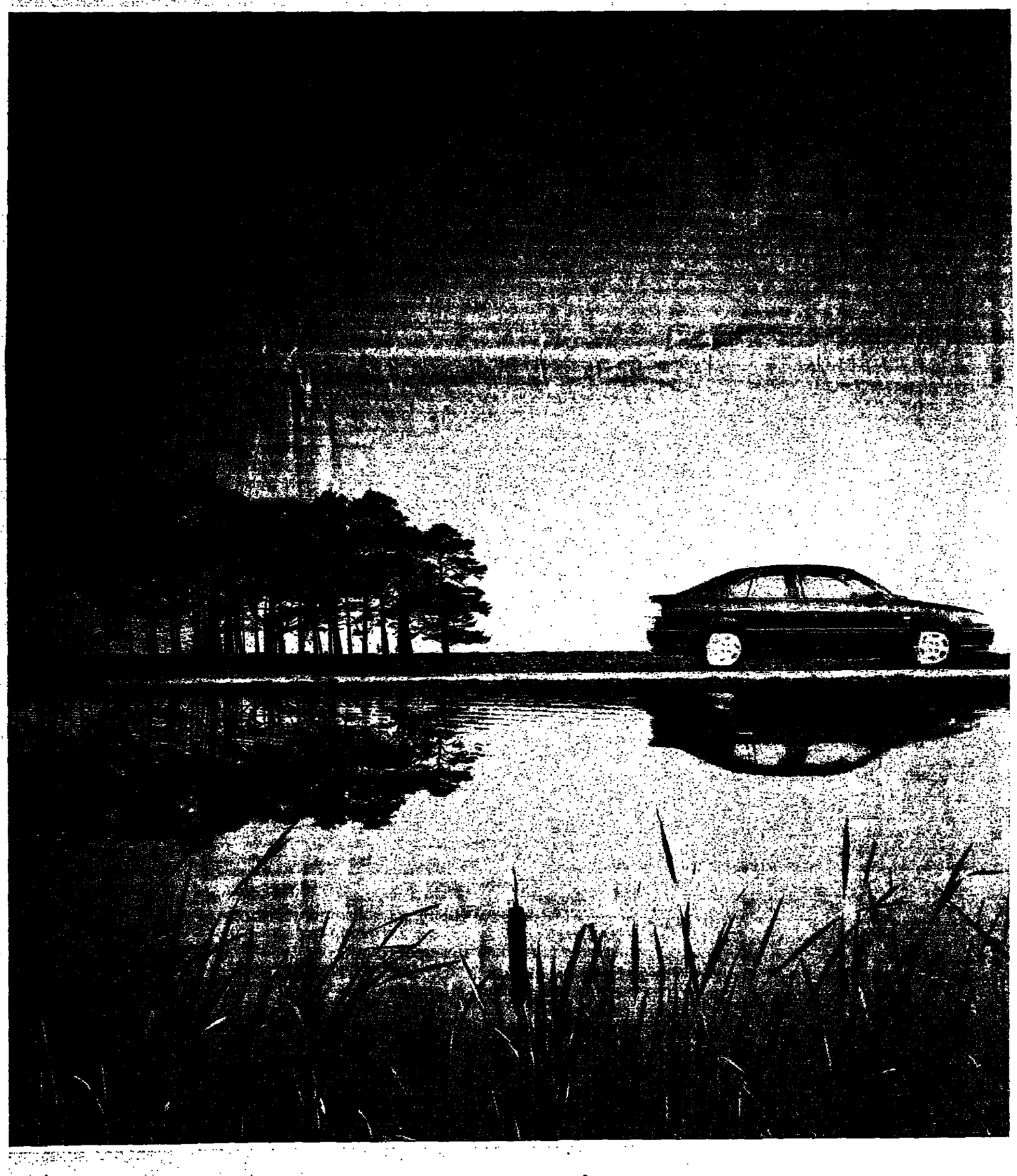
A FATHER who tried to gas himself and his two young sons in his car on Dartmoor after his marriage broke down was jailed for five years yesterday.

Wayne Skerton, 26, could not face life without his wife Debbie, 23, and their young sons Joshua and Samuel, Plymouth Crown Court was told. Although the engine on Skerton's car seized, Joshua, 2, died in hospital three days later from brain damage caused by the fumes. Skerton and Samuel, 3, survived.

Skerton, who had been living in a Plymouth bedsit, denied murdering Joshua and attempting to murder Samuel. He admitted the manslaughter of Joshua, on the ground of diminished responsibility, and causing grievous bodily harm to Samuel. Both pleas were accepted by the prosecution.

Mr Justice Auld told Skerton that at the time of the offence he was suffering from severe depression and was in a pitiful state. But the evidence also showed "some deliberation and resolution".

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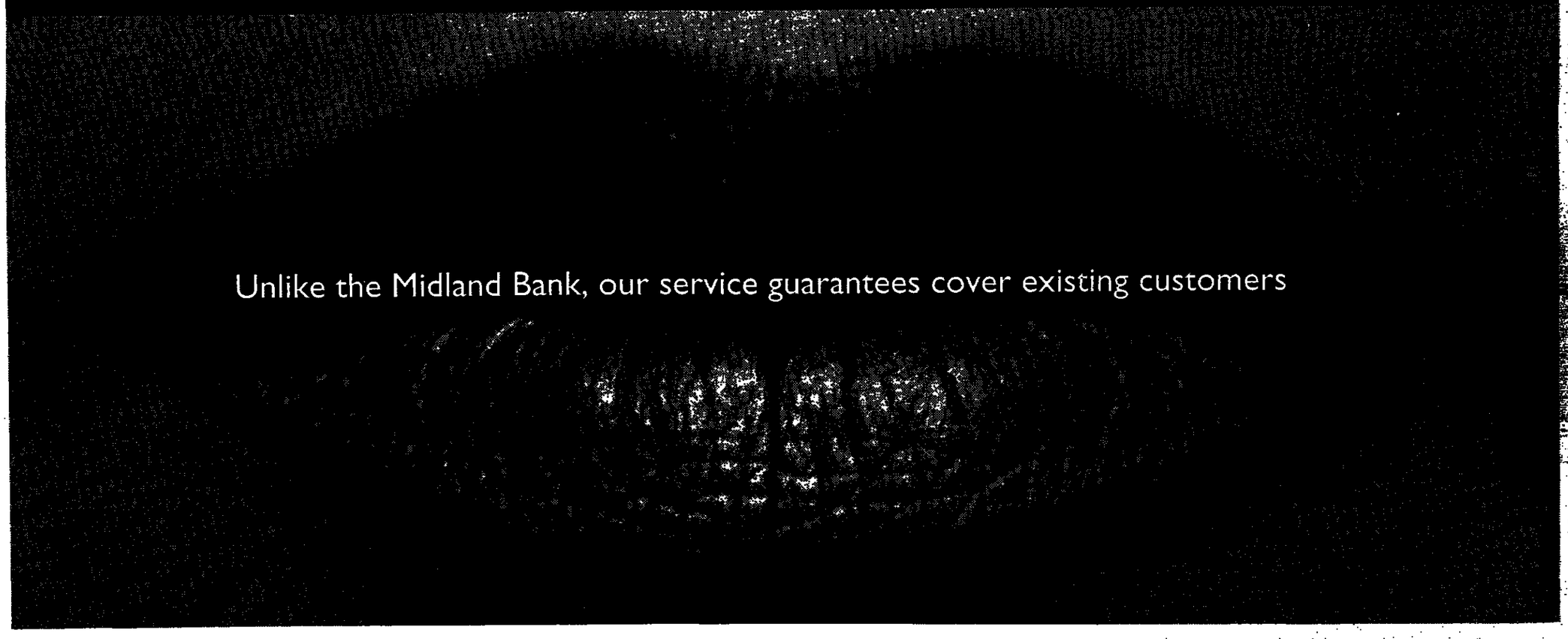
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£50 million contract for showpiece Bankside gallery likely to go to foreign practice

Tate architects shortlist includes one Briton

By Marcus Binney

ONLY one British architect is left in the running for the contract to convert Bankside Power Station in London into a £50 million gallery of modern art. Six other British practices have been eliminated from the final shortlist, announced yesterday.

David Chipperfield Architects, best known for its work in Japan, is up against six rising stars of Continental and Japanese architecture.

Unlike other big contenders for building projects using National Lottery cash, the recipients of the Bankside contracts are likely to be foreign. The British Museum and the South Kensington museums have all selected Sir Norman Foster. The South Bank has chosen Sir Richard Rogers. The plans for Covent Garden Opera House have been prepared by Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones.

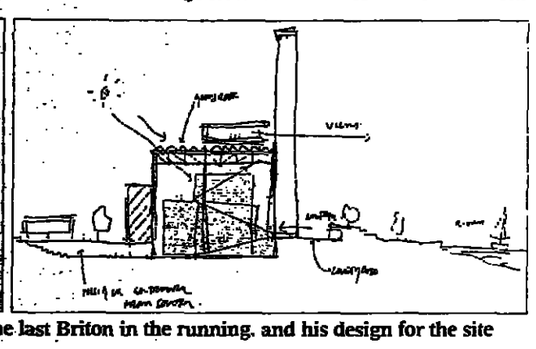
The Tate's new shortlist also has a younger average age than many recent architectural competitions. David Chipperfield, who is designing the National Rowing Museum at Henley-on-Thames, was born in 1953. The two Swiss architects chosen, Herzog & de Meuron, were both born in 1950. Rem Koolhaus, the man behind the new Centre of Lille, was born in 1944, as was Rafael Moneo, architect for the conversion of the Thyssen Museum in Madrid. Renzo Piano, born in 1937, is the oldest competitor.

Japan's Tadao Ando was born in 1941 and made his mark in Europe with his temple-like all-wood exhibitions pavilion in Seville.

The six British architects eliminated include three of the top names in British architecture: Will Alsop, best known for his lozenge-shaped visitors' centre in Cardiff, Nicholas Grimshaw, designer of the Channel Tunnel terminus at Waterloo, and Michael Hopkins, architect of the new Glyndebourne. Also dropped is Future Systems, known for its space-age designs, Rick Mather, admired for his adventurous use of glass, and Rolfe Judd, working with Claudio Silvestrin, who have made a name for their contextural approach.

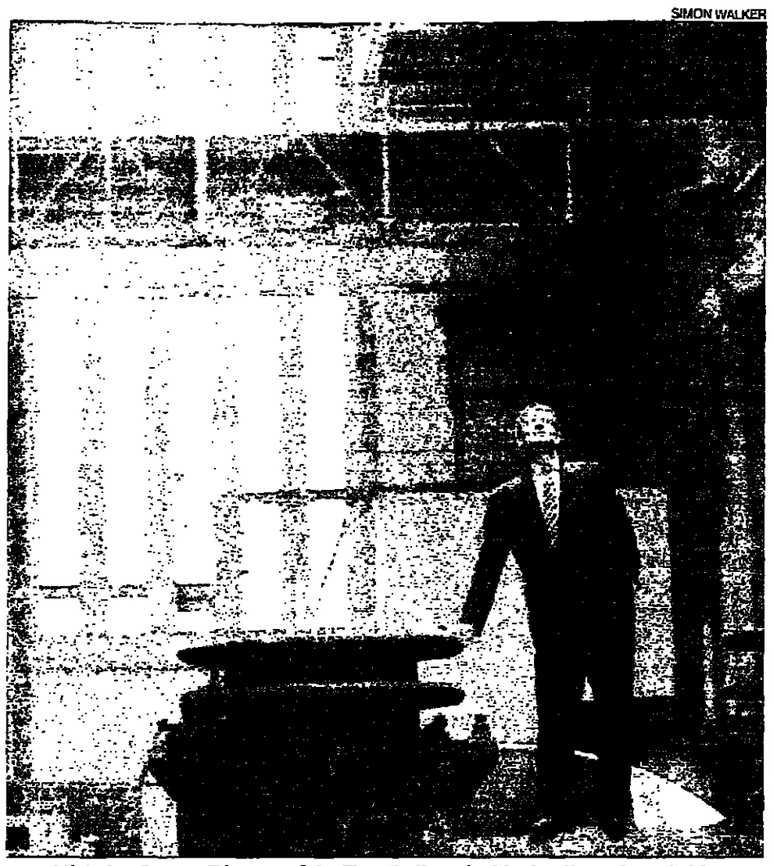
The competition is also notable for the elimination of architects with a strongly expressionist or sculptural style. Will Alsop and Japan's Arata Isozaki have produced some of the world's most colourful buildings, while the great Spanish architect-engineer, Santiago Calatrava, was surprisingly not even included in the original shortlist of 30, even though he had demonstrated his interest in the site by designing an elegant pedestrian bridge over the Thames to connect Bankside with St Paul's.





David Chipperfield, the last Briton in the running, and his design for the site

SIMON WALKER



Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, inside the disused Bankside

Schoolboy bullies jailed for three years

By A Staff Reporter

THREE schoolboy bullies who repeatedly kicked and punched a fellow pupil were sent to a young offenders' institution for three years yesterday. They attacked Daniel Jewell, 15, so savagely as he lay on the ground that he suffered internal bleeding and had to be taken to hospital.

Sentencing Christopher Brammer, 16, Scott Frampton, 16, and Loui Thomas, 15, at Southampton Crown Court, Judge McLean said the case had caused public outrage. He added: "These matters are so serious they call for a substantial custodial sentence."

Outside the court, Daniel's family said they felt justice had been done. His father, also Daniel, said: "I would like all teachers to take a long hard look at their policy towards bullying in schools."

Brammer and Frampton, both of Totton, Hampshire, and Thomas, of Shirley, Southampton, were convicted at the end of a five-day trial last month of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. They had set on Daniel as he walked home from Testwood Secondary School in Totton in April.

Defence lawyers win access to Grobbelaar tape

By Kate Alderson

POLICE last night gave Bruce Grobbelaar's lawyers access to the video footage which forms the basis of allegations that the goalkeeper accepted money for throwing matches.

David Hewitt, of solicitors Cuff Roberts, had earlier accused the Football Association of preventing the goalkeeper from mounting a defence against the allegations by withholding the evidence against him.

Hampshire Police, which is examining the allegations, last week requested that the FA did not release any evidence to the Southampton footballer or his lawyers while their investigation continued. Last night the force issued a statement from its Winchester headquarters which said: "We have this afternoon been in touch with the Football Association and told them that we no longer wish them to hold back on the information which was passed to them by the *Sun* newspaper and which they had wanted to serve on Mr Grobbelaar and his solicitors. In the meantime, our inquiries into this matter still continue."

Mr Hewitt had earlier said that, in the interests of natural justice, the FA should either withdraw its charges against Grobbelaar, or "recognise that it is its own master and it should release to us immediately the evidence in its possession in order that the preparation of Bruce Grobbelaar's case may begin in earnest".

The FA had acknowledged Grobbelaar's wish to assist the investigation, Mr Hewitt said. "But through no fault of his own he is now in the invidious position of having been charged and of being unable to proceed with the preparation of his defence."

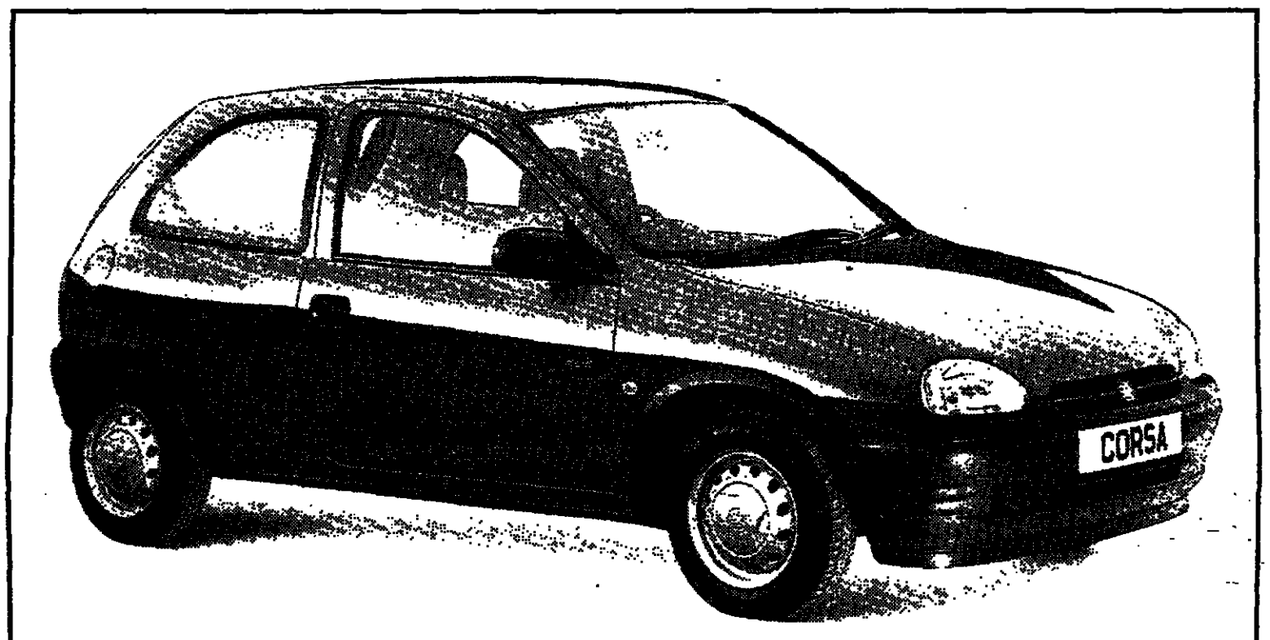
Grobbelaar issued a writ for libel against the *Sun*, which claimed on November 9 that he had been bribed to throw goals. He has been charged by the FA of bringing the game into disrepute and accepting a "consideration" with a view to influencing match results.

"Effectively, the only evidence we have seen is that appearing in the *Sun* newspaper," Mr Hewitt told a news conference in Liverpool. He added: "We know of no authority which entitles the police to compel the FA to withhold evidence from us whilst its own inquiries continue."

The FA said: "Hampshire Police requested last week that it should be withheld for the time being. The FA, guided by its own lawyers, felt bound to accede to that request."



Grobbelaar: lawyers demanded video tapes



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JANNEAU

Heseltine pledges to push for post sell-off

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JONATHAN PRYNN

MICHAEL Heseltine yesterday promised to devote himself to converting the "last tiny rump" of Tory MPs who wrecked his Post Office privatisation plans.

The President of the Board of Trade's pledge came as he opened the fourth day of debate on the Queen's Speech, which had failed to include the Royal Mail sell-off as the jewel in the Government's legislative programme. Mr Heseltine's proposal to sell-off 51 per cent of the Royal Mail and ParcelForce was withdrawn after about 20 Tory backbenchers, enough to defeat the Government, made clear they would vote against the move.

When Labour MPs jeered him in the House over the privatisation failure, Mr Heseltine said that "to become a world-class competitive company, [the Royal Mail] has to operate in the competitive world, with a freedom to raise cash and be responsible for its cash in a competitive opportunity, just like British Telecom is. The fact that I have not yet persuaded the last tiny rump of my own party of the wisdom of these views is a task to which I shall set the rest of my political career."

He berated the rebel Tory backbenchers for not backing his proposals, saying: "I believe that the intellectual arguments for introducing private capital into the Royal Mail are overwhelming. The only arguments the other way are social and political."

Mr Heseltine then faced an angry challenge on the 75 per cent pay rise awarded to the British Gas chief executive, Cedric Brown. Mr Heseltine said that John Major had said many times that it was "necessary to exercise restraint" in executive awards and added that this could be exercised by the market or shareholders.

To Opposition jeers, Mr Heseltine insisted: "What Labour cannot face is that British Gas has been turned into a world-class company, winning in the market places of the world. It has held its prices down consistently over the years and has been transformed since it was turned into a private sector company."

Dr Jack Cunningham, making his first Commons speech as shadow Trade Secretary, accused Mr Heseltine of trying to cover up his embarrassment over Post Office privatisation with a mixture of "bluff and bluster". The Government's humiliating retreat had left a "great hole in the Queen's Speech where your party-political prize was supposed to be".

Dr Cunningham said that under the Conservative Government, the competitiveness of British industry had declined in relation to Europe and the rest of the world. Noting that Mr Heseltine had said he wanted to reduce the size of the Trade and Industry Department by 30 per cent, Dr Cunningham concluded: "Perhaps he should be the first to go."

Labour to court rebel Tory MPs

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR disclosed plans yesterday to try to attract the support of rebel Tory MPs over VAT on fuel and the future of the Post Office.

In the light of yesterday's pay increases of up to 75 per cent for British Gas chiefs, Labour also wants curbs on excessive pay awards to company executives.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, announced a series of initiatives to persuade Tory MPs to join Labour in the Commons to speak out "for what the country wants, not what factions in the Conservative Party dictate".

Labour is seeking to force a vote to stop the second increase of VAT on fuel from 8 per cent to 17.5 per cent and to ensure greater commercialisation for the Post Office. It is also committed to ending to tax subsidies on share options.

Proposing tighter controls on the privatised utilities, Mr Brown said: "If companies are able to afford huge salary rises for their top executives they should be able to cut prices rather than raise them, and regulators should have the powers to deal with these issues."

Labour is hoping to lure Tory rebels to support it by arguing that the Government is no longer acting in the public interest. "There is a majority in the country which deplores publicly regulated company executives awarding themselves huge salarly and perks increases that cannot be justified," Mr Brown said. "There is no majority in the country for fuel VAT at 17.5 per cent, for depriving the Post Office of commercial freedom within the public sector, or for tax subsidies for executive salaries."

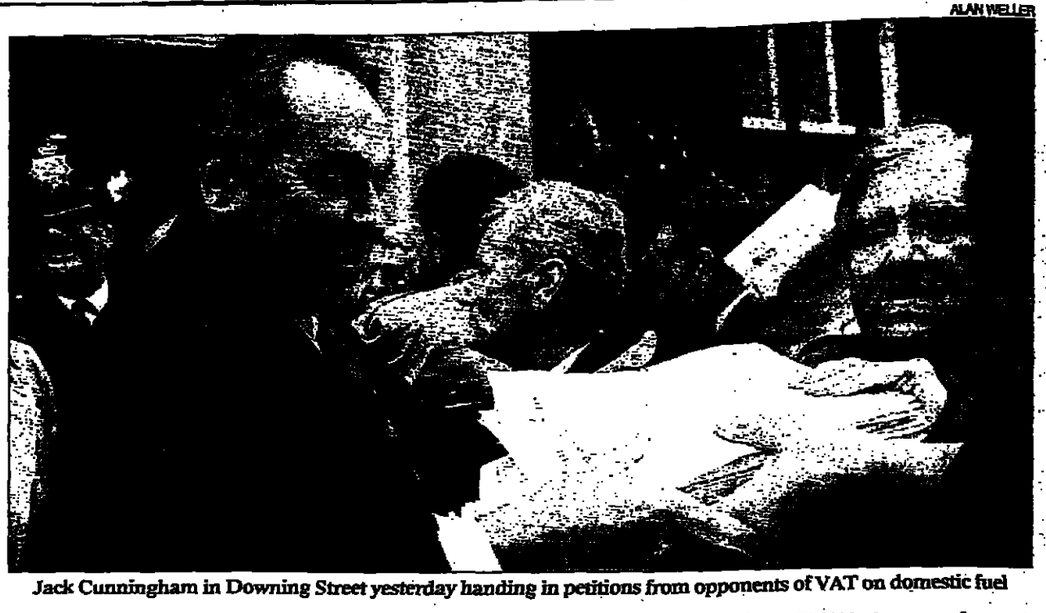
Labour claims that nine Tory MPs have said they will oppose VAT at 17.5 per cent. At least two MPs have publicly said they would oppose the Government, with another six privately threatening to revolt.

Yesterday Jack Cunningham, shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, was at 10 Downing Street to submit petitions containing nearly 250,000 signatures from voters who oppose VAT on fuel.

Labour also hopes to persuade Tory rebels to support an amendment to the Finance Bill to give the Post Office greater commercial freedom. Dr Cunningham said that many changes needed to help the Post Office could be made without legislation.

Philip Bassett, page 20

ALAN WELLER



Jack Cunningham in Downing Street yesterday handing in petitions from opponents of VAT on domestic fuel

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: Neil Hamilton, the former junior trade and industry minister, gave his resignation speech from the back benches during the fourth day of the Commons debate on the Queen's Speech. The debate was wound up by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, and David Blunkett, her Labour shadow. Earlier, there were questions on transport and public services, while Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, delivered a statement about the Nato air strike on the Krajina Serbs.

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Leaked memo lacking in election-winning ideas

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

SOME leaks are eyecatching not because they reveal much *new* but because they confirm in public what politicians have been saying privately. This is why the Maples draft memorandum matters. Its vivid language highlights the Tories' plight. But it only provides part of an election-winning, or saving, strategy for the Tories.

John Maples's note is dated September 30, more than a week before the start of the Tory conference. His analysis, based on discussions among Tory defectors, has already in part been adopted by Central Office, and is largely a *mirror image* of what David Hill, Labour's head of communications, had concluded about the Government's weaknesses. The memorandum's points about Tory waivers are common to all party strategists: namely that "there is a feeling of powerlessness and insecurity about jobs, housing, health service, business, family values, crime etc and no vision of where we are heading". It is hardly a surprise that many voters see the Government as "ineffectual and unable to deliver its promises".

Tory strategists have concluded that they should concentrate on four issues: the economy and law and order (where the survey showed that voters' basic instincts are in line with Tory views) and education and health (where the need is more to reduce Labour's poll lead). Despite the strength of the economic recovery — almost too strong to be sustainable at more than 4 per cent over the past year — there is little "feel good" *factor since the real take-home pay of* most in work has been falling. But time and pre-election tax cuts should change views here. Party leaders do not believe there is much point in highlighting the unions or Europe, in which voters have less interest.

Much of Mr Maples's conclusions about improved communications could easily have been written by Peter Mandelson in his heyday as Neil Kinnock's adviser: for instance, "we need to set and control the agenda as much as we can and be much less reactive" and "for television and radio, we should use good performers ruthlessly". Mr Maples's idea about using "killer facts" was taken up at last month's party conference in the main points issued to those attending after every speech.

Mr Maples also recognises Mr Blair's strengths. Labour leaders *yesterday offered a "shock-horror"* reaction to the suggestion that a few Tory "yobbos" might "knock" Mr Blair about a bit and that future legislation on identity cards and public service strikes might be proposed to divide the Opposition. It is a bit rich of Ann Taylor, the shadow Leader of the Commons, to talk about abusing "parliamentary procedures for naked party political advantage". Labour has not been above such tactics in the past.

More contentious are Mr Maples's reported suggestions about policy. *Slowing the pace of health* service reform, whatever that might mean, could make matters worse rather than better, though Mr Maples may be right that the Tories can never win on the issue. It is certainly a temptation for Labour to attack the Government's record and not to offer *much new thinking of its own.*

Postponing the second tranche of the extension of VAT on domestic fuel was derided yesterday by senior ministers closely involved. As Jeremy Hanley admitted last night, many Tory supporters would like the second tranche to be abandoned, but either cancellation or deferment of the increase would be unlikely to win over voters already angry.

Sharper tactics and communications are obviously necessary for any party with the Tories' current low opinion poll ratings. But as important *is some fresh policy thinking* for the late 1990s. The *really* interesting memorandum will be written next year by the new head of the Downing Street Policy Unit.

PETER RIDDELL

Maples strategy points way to political recovery

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LIVING standards are about to fall, the second stage of VAT on fuel bills should be postponed, disgruntled ex-Tories think the Government is weak, and the NHS would benefit from a news blackout, according to the leaked Conservative Central Office report to John Major.

The report from John Maples, a deputy chairman of the party, was written on September 30 before the retreat over Post Office privatisation. It is based on in-depth interviews with 80 people who voted Tory in the last election but who now say they might not or would not take the plunge again.

But in addition to pinpointing the causes of the Government's malaise, it also maps out a strategy for a political recovery, including letting backbench Tory "yobbos" loose on Tony Blair.

Mr Maples admits it will be an uphill struggle, not least because of the failure of the economic recovery to engender a sense of well-being among the electorate. In what looks like a plaintive call for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to hasten tax cuts, Mr Maples, a former Treasury minister, warns of the danger of falling living standards for the next two years.

The political problem, he says, is the mismatch between optimistic messages from ministers and everyday life. "While we trumpet the recovery, the voters do not think the recession has ended. They still fear unemployment, have no more 'money in their pocket' and so on. What we are saying is completely at odds with their experience.

The reason for this mismatch is that, because of tax increases, real take-home pay *is falling this year and "will* fall again in 1995 and 1996. We will have to see this rise soon or we will have had four or even five years of recovery with no rise in living standards".

Mr Maples's gloomy admission that the "feel good" factor is likely to continue to prove elusive is matched by his assessment of the Government's standing in the eyes of middle income and Middle England Tory defectors.

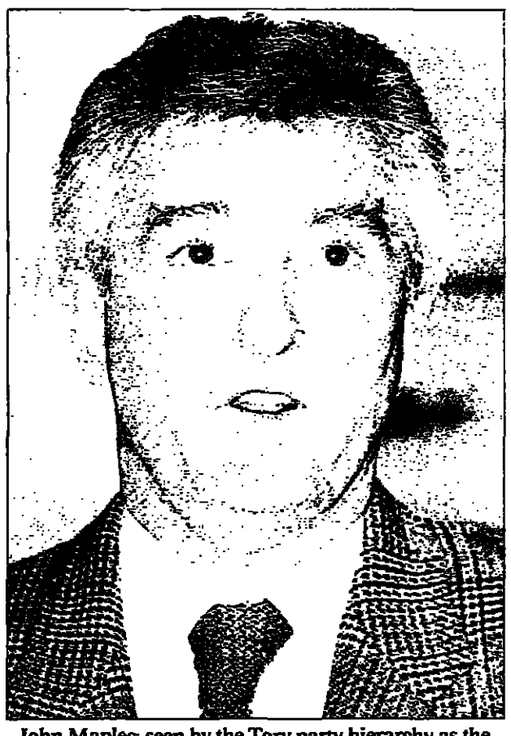
Echoing the views of many Tory backbenchers, the voters complain of a lack of direction and vision from the top.

"The Conservatives have let voters down: they have been in government too long, are complacent and have lost a sense of direction. They fail to fulfil promises, are clumsy at implementing policy and 'shoot themselves in the foot'," his report says. Nevertheless, these individuals remain "natural Conservatives" with their right-wing views on crime, immigration, social security scroungers and politically-correct do-gooders.

The solution, he proposes, is a four-phase "communications plan" aimed at luring defectors back to their political home. He says the Tories should overtake or reduce Labour's opinion poll lead in four key areas — the economy, law and order, education and health. But his prescription for health — to reduce Labour's lead from 55 percentage points to 30 — will hardly endear him to Virginia Bottomley. "The best result for the next 12 months would be zero media coverage of the NHS," he says.

Mr Maples is kinder about Mr Blair, saying that the research shows he is one of Labour's few assets. Although the Labour leader cannot be painted as left-winger, he can be attacked as being hugely out of step with most of his party. "Could we set some backbenchers onto this? Maybe a few yobbos of our own to try to knock him about a bit, and another team to operate more subtly on the changes of mind and differences or view."

Slowing down the pace of the NHS reforms, delaying the planned rise in VAT on fuel to 17.5 per cent, and tougher taxation of executive perks are among the parallel policy proposals.



John Maples: seen by the Tory party hierarchy as the professional pair of hands at Central Office

Articulate defender of Tories' record

WHEN the Prime Minister asked John Maples to become a deputy party chairman in last July's reshuffle the Tory hierarchy heaved a sigh of relief (Alice Thomson writes).

For while Jeremy Hanley, the new chairman, seemed intent on making political gaffes and Michael Dobbs, the other deputy chairman, appeared more interested in researching his political novels, Mr Maples, 48, was the professional pair of hands.

Having made a small fortune in the commercial world, having been a respected finance minister and more recently having advised political parties around the world on winning elections, Mr Maples was seen as politically astute and financially sound.

He started his parliamentary career in 1983 when he won the seat of Lewisham West in London but it was not until he became the economic secretary to the Treasury in the run-up to the last General Election that the party began to realise his potential.

Mr Maples proved to be an outstandingly articulate and smooth defender of the Government's patchy economic record. He lost his seat at the election but immediately bounced back in a high-profile job, heading Saatchi & Saatchi's political accounts.

He failed to be the Tory candidate for the Newbury by-election last year, but as deputy chairman has consistently stepped in for Mr Hanley on economic issues.

Right-wingers have always been slightly wary of Mr Maples. He admits that his friends are in the centre and centre-left but has said: "I am pretty dry on the economy. I suppose the wet bit in me is the old consensus Tory that says it is part of the job of a Conservative Government to run public services well."

Suspicion falls on Saatchi & Saatchi

BY ANDREW PIERCE

CONSERVATIVE Party leaders began a search yesterday for the person who leaked the Maples memorandum but the finger of suspicion was already pointing at Saatchi & Saatchi, the Tories' advertising agency.

A handful of senior executives at the agency were given copies of the document, prepared in September by John Maples, a former Tory MP.

An internal inquiry was being set up at Saatchis and executives fear that the Tory party will blame the agency. "To say we are worried is an understatement," one agency executive said.

Mr Maples, who lost his Commons seat at the last election, is chairman of the agency's government communications unit which handles its political accounts. The report had only a limited readership outside Saatchis: the party chairman, his deputies, the directors of communications and research, "our most loyal servants" as a Tory official described them yesterday.

Mr Maples, brought in as a deputy chairman in the summer to improve communications, spends up to three days a week at *Smith Square. The* row over the leak has brought to a head the growing rivalries at Central Office since Jeremy Hanley's shaky start as party chairman. Party apparatchiks talk of a vacuum at the top.

Mr Maples and Michael Dobbs, author of *House of Cards*, who became deputy chairmen at the same time, have both tried to fill the gap. Central Office employees say they are locked in a power struggle which Mr Maples is winning.

Within days of Mr Hanley committing the first of a string of gaffes, the two were vying for influence. Mr Maples, a former treasury minister, has made a series of effective broadcasts on television and radio on government economic policy.

Even Mr Hanley's most senior advisers openly despair over his inability to master economic briefs. After Mr Hanley publicly warned the *Chancellor not to raise interest* rates again the party high command had had enough. Mr Maples is said to be the first choice to take over.

A senior Tory figure said: "Norman Tebbit would have knocked his deputies' heads together. Can you imagine Tebbit or Cecil Parkinson letting their deputies make the running on economics on the radio?"



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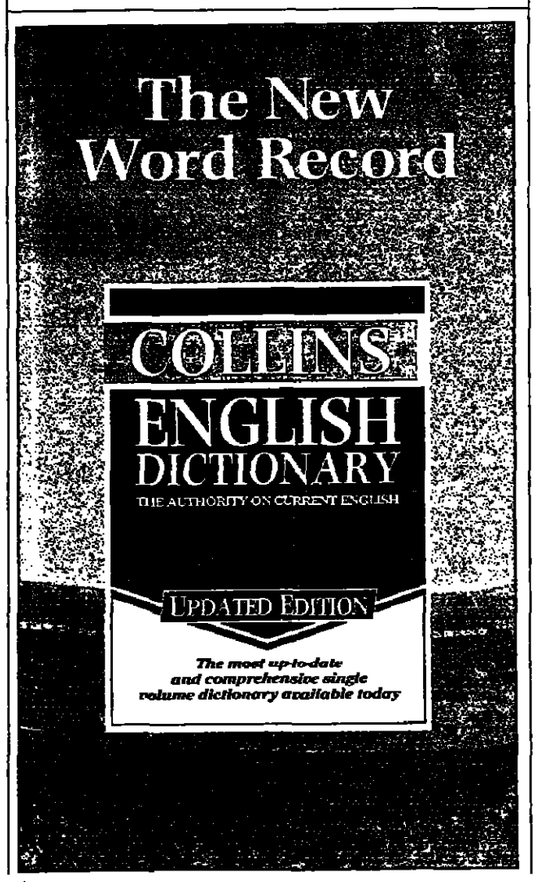
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Ministry of the Future aims to hone German art of invention


Kohl: determined to halt technological decline

■ Jürgen Rüttgers, the man tipped as the next Chancellor, has been appointed to mastermind the resurgence of Germany as an innovative industrial power, Roger Boyes writes from Bonn

HELMUT Kohl, the German Chancellor, worried that the country is losing its inventive edge, has set up a new Ministry of the Future and awarded the top job to the man tipped to be the German and Christian Democrat leader in a post-Kohl era.

The huge ministry, combining the portfolios of education, science, research and technology, is to be run by Jürgen Rüttgers, 43. His brief is to restore Germany's declining reputation as one of the world's leading innovators.

The first unification of Germany in the late 19th century spawned a generation of inventors in pharmaceuticals, the car industry and the steel and machine-tool sectors, but modern unified Germany is lagging well behind Japan and America. Dr Rüttgers, a Cologne lawyer, has until now been the right-hand man of Wolfgang Schäuble who, as parliamentary floor leader, is an expert in fusing political coalitions rather than nuclear materials. Through deft committee work and extracurricular swotting, however, he has made himself an expert on the European space industry and the electronic media.

He says his first task will be to make more porous the wall separating university and industrial researchers. Various ideas are already flowing, including short attachments to industrial research units for gifted academics and the possibility of completing doctoral work in the laboratories of private firms. But these are tiny steps for what is becoming a huge problem as Germany slips further down the ladder. The downward trend is long-term, but it is clear the situation deteriorated most seriously in the 1980s. Germany was once known as the "pharmacy of the world", but the most talented medical chemists today are either leaving the country or are considering foreign offers.

Between 1976 and 1980, Germans registered 47 pharmaceutical innovations at their patent office. Between 1986 and 1990, only 22 such patents were recorded. By contrast, America registered 70 during both periods. The British improved their position from 13 to 16 patents, Switzerland from 15 to 22, and Japan from 31 to 67.

"In the past three years, more Japanese than German medicinal products were registered in the German patent office," said Walter Wenninger, the Bayer research director. The gap in biotechnology is even more dramatic. 177 new German patents were registered last year, compared with 1,172 from American inventors and 1,977 from Japanese.

Dr Rüttgers' task is to encourage not only the inventiveness of Germans but also the willingness of big companies to take on new ideas. One of the most fertile brains in Germany is Iradj Hessabi, 49, an Iranian emigré, who has become a millionaire through his 392 patents. He dreamt up a remote-controlled door opener in the 1970s. He was cold-shouldered by every German car manufacturer and ended up selling the invention to a French company for £15,000.

German industry accounts for 60 per cent of overall research spending. But the trend over the past few years has been towards "defensive research", aimed at preserving existing markets. Dr Rüttgers has somehow to persuade German company directors to take more risks for the future. State intervention is viewed as crucial even by such a market liberal as Dr Rüttgers.

Herr Kohl fears Germany will be left behind in the rush to create an information highway. The US Government has set up clear goals to be realised by 2000. Germany, however, is taking a distinctly pedestrian approach to the so-called "data autobahn".

If Dr Rüttgers sets Germany moving in these and other areas, he will have positioned himself well for the struggle to succeed Herr Kohl. But he will also have helped to boost Germany's technological clout within Europe, and Europe's competitiveness against the Americans and the Japanese.

He has been sent a benign omen: one day after occupying his new futuristic plateglass office, he received a telephone call informing him that German researchers had discovered a new element. For now it is known simply by the number 110, but Bonn wags say it may soon be dubbed Kohlion in honour of another durable element.

Right-wing feuds and pay strikes shake the franc

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

PAY strikes in France this week are adding to fears that the franc could fall victim to the political ambitions of the conservative candidates feuding for the presidency.

In the most bitter strike of its kind since 1990, 8,000 workers at GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French engineering giant, have rejected a compromise proposal from a government arbitrator. The strike at Belfort, near the German border, now threatens to spread to other company factories. Two main unions have called on railway and other public sector workers to stop work for a day of pay protests tomorrow. Prison officers have been on strike for a month, as have workers in half a dozen smaller private companies.

Government officials and the media are depicting the strikes as a symptom of the return to rapid economic growth after three years of recession. But they are also being seen as a possible harbinger of a long-feared "social explosion" fuelled by discontent over economic upheaval and unemployment.

This is adding to the politically driven jitters that have pushed down the franc and forced up long-term interest rates over the past month in spite of the fact that the French economy is, by most measures, now the strongest in Europe.

With growth of more than 2.2 per cent expected this year, inflation at only 1.6 per cent, a strong currency and a trade surplus for the past two years, everything would seem to be rosy. But the markets are nervous over the impact of a six-month presidential campaign dominated by unemployment of 12.7 per cent.

Investors took fright last week when Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist chief who is running in his own camp against Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, adopted a Euro-sceptical posture and promised a new referendum on monetary union. Just one Chirac sentence had the effect of sending the franc downwards: "The promotion of employment is at least as important as the defence of the currency and the mastery of inflation, the reduction of public deficits or the balance of payments," he said.

He swiftly recanted, but the markets took him to mean he could opt for reflationary policies which would reverse the doctrine of the *franc fort* followed by Socialist and Gaullist governments for the past decade.

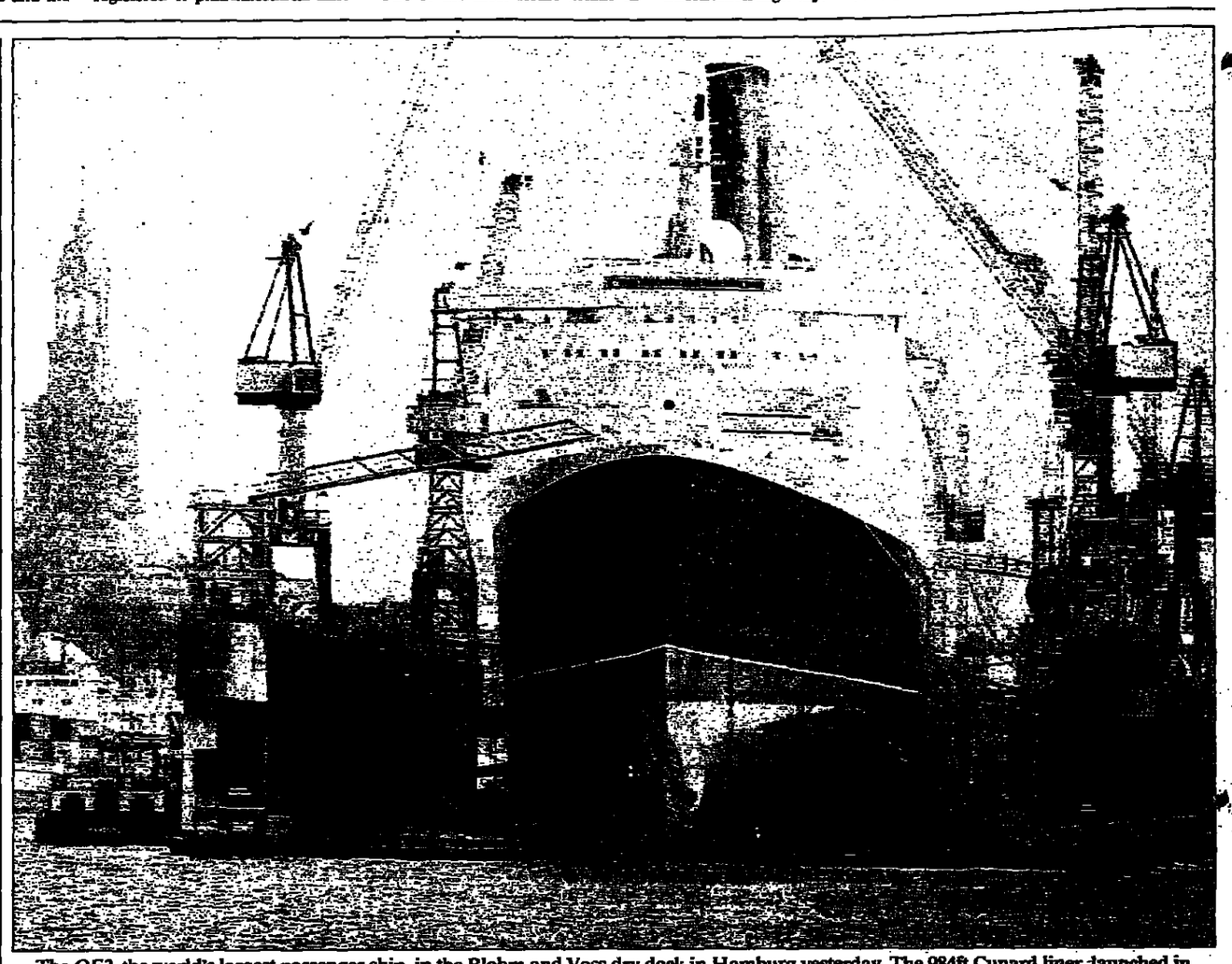

Chirac: his words gave investors a fright

M Balladur and Jacques Delors, retiring President of the European Commission, the two main contenders, are firmly committed to the costly policy which has enabled the franc to match the mark and earn the respect of the markets. They are, however, under pressure to respond to an angry public mood that blames unemployment on an "Anglo-Saxon-led" trade war and the Maastricht Treaty.

The sense of siege by the American-led markets was compounded yesterday when two American newspapers splashed alarmist reports on the vulnerability of the franc.

M Balladur is faulted by the markets for failing to take action to stem a swelling public sector deficit and tackle the stifling effects of an over-generous welfare state and rigid labour protection. Alain Minc, his economic guru, gave a warning last week that France was pricing itself out of the world labour market. "If France continues on its present path, it will soon have America's [social] injustice with the social costs of Sweden," M Minc said.

There is also suspicion, at home and abroad, about the Bank of France, which was made notionally independent this year under the Maastricht accord. Alain Juppé, the pro-Chirac Foreign Minister, said yesterday he did not believe that a single currency could come about before 1999.


The *QE2*, the world's largest passenger ship, in the Blohm and Voss dry dock in Hamburg yesterday. The 984ft Cunard liner, launched in 1967, is to undergo a £30 million refit. Most of the public areas are being redesigned, and an English pub, The Golden Lion, is being installed

Judges accuse Berlusconi of being soft on Mafia

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN NAPLES

ITALIAN magistrates in the front line of the war against the Mafia have poured scorn on a grandiose United Nations conference on organised crime that was opened yesterday by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General.

"I doubt that anything concrete can come out of this," said Judge Bruno Siclari, Italy's first national anti-Mafia prosecutor appointed to co-ordinate the campaign against Cosa Nostra and other underworld gangs. He accused the conservative government of Silvio Berlusconi, who is chairing the three-day conference attended by 136 countries, of dangerously relaxing its guard against the Mafia.

Massimo Brutti, another investigator who heads the Italian parliamentary committee on secret services, accused the Prime Minister and colleagues of lethargy in the war against the underworld.

But Signor Berlusconi denied their charges. "The fact that the Prime Minister has decided to stay three days in Naples for this conference says a lot about the will of the government to fight organised crime," he declared.

A proposal by Dr Boutros Ghali for UN members to abolish banking secrecy where all crimes are concerned, and not just for international drug-smuggling cases, was welcomed by Pino Arlacchi, a leading Italian criminologist. "If this were accepted, it would be a fundamental step forward," he said.

The conference was conceived by Giovanni Falcone, the judge who was killed with his wife by the Mafia in 1992 while they were travelling by road to Palermo. However, there has been criticism that the conference is duplicating work carried out by Interpol, and is merely an expensive talking shop.

Dr Boutros Ghali said that many states represented at the conference had budgets smaller than the criminal empires they were trying to defeat. "These problems require a universal response."

David Maclean, Minister of State at the Home Office responsible for the police and criminal justice, urged the delegates to adopt a "three-pronged attack" to combat international crime gangs.

He said that Britain supported action by individual countries to tighten domestic laws and procedures, closer international co-operation and exchange of expertise and experience, and greater help for developing countries to establish sound criminal justice systems.

SILVIO Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, suffered his first electoral setback yesterday as the hard-right National Alliance, his coalition partner, made gains in local elections. With two-thirds of the votes counted from Sunday's vote for mayors and councils in 242 towns, support for Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia party was less than 10 per cent. *(Reuter)*

Iraq agents attack exiles in Russia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

WHEN two Iraqi dissidents survived separate attacks in Moscow recently, by men identified as Iraqi intelligence agents, Russian police simply warned the victims that they should never have come here in the first place.

As Russia intensifies its diplomatic efforts to improve relations with President Saddam Hussein and campaigns to ease United Nations sanctions against Iraq, refugee workers confirm that the plight of the 1,500-strong Iraqi community here is becoming increasingly precarious.

"Our people face almost daily harassment from the authorities who tear up their documents, demand money for 'fines' and threaten them with deportation," said Abu Assil, a volunteer who helps Iraqi refugees.

"Now when we complain of attacks by Saddam's agents in Moscow, the police do not want to hear," he added. Some refugees are facing deportation and possible execution in Iraq.

The Kremlin has been working hard at getting the UN sanctions against Saddam lifted. In return, Moscow stands to be repaid a long-standing £5 billion debt by Iraq and to secure a healthy slice of the lucrative contracts that Baghdad wishes to place for its post-Gulf War reconstruction.

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UN outlines plan to protect Rwandans

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Secretary-General yesterday presented plans for the deployment of thousands of peacekeeping troops to protect more than a million Rwandan refugees in camps in Zaire from followers of the ousted Rwandan government.

Boutros Boutros Ghali proposed in a report to the Security Council that the operation should begin with two fully equipped mechanised battalions moving into camps north of Lake Kivu and setting up "secure areas". The peacekeeping force would move from camp to camp as conditions improved, leaving behind more lightly armed troops and local guards, who would help to escort refugees to the Rwandan border.

The total number of peacekeepers needed to deal with the camps north of Lake Kivu, which hold about 850,000 refugees, would be 3,000, he said. A similar operation in camps south of Lake Kivu, where an additional 370,000 refugees live in slightly better conditions, would need 2,000 more men.

Dr Boutros Ghali spoke of the desperation in the camps, where refugees are terrorised by soldiers and militiamen of the former Rwandan government, which launched the genocide in their country this year. There were about 230 political leaders of the former Hutu-led Rwandan government in Zaire, most living in good conditions in hotels and houses outside the camps. There were also about 50,000 former government troops and their families, many living among the refugees, and an estimated 10,000 militiamen, he reported. About 800 of the former presidential guard are believed to be in secret camps in Goma and Bukavu.

Dr Boutros Ghali said that any attempt to separate the political leaders and soldiers from the refugees would require two brigades, or 12,000 men.

Clinton hopes fade of compromise with Republicans

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WHITE House hopes of co-operating with a Republican Congress on foreign policy issues over the next two years grew more remote yesterday.

Leon Panetta, President Clinton's Chief of Staff, bluntly denounced Jesse Helms, the next chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as a reckless extremist.

Mr Clinton, after a White House meeting with Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said that despite Mr Helms's opposition he would fight to provide American troops, if required, to monitor any future Israeli-Syrian peace agreement. He also pledged to maintain aid to Israel at its present levels.

Responding to Mr Helms's charge that Mr Clinton was unfit to be America's Commander-in-Chief, Mr Panetta said such disparagement of the President sent "terrible signals" to America's allies, its enemies, its armed forces and its children. Pulling no punches, he said Mr Helms's "reckless" comments reflected "a very narrow range of the political spectrum that is pretty far over to the right". He also pointed out that the North Carolina senator had opposed free trade agreements, condemned the Middle East peace process, supported apartheid in South Africa, and backed military dictatorships in Central America. Even Robert Dole, the Republican who will become Senate leader in January, disowned Mr Helms's comments, saying he believed that Mr Clinton had grown into the job of Commander-in-Chief.

Mr Dole was making other trouble for the President, however, by threatening to withhold support for the new Gatt world trade agreement in next week's crucial Senate vote unless the White House accepted Republican plans to halve the capital gains tax.

Mr Clinton would be internationally humiliated if the Senate rejected the 123-nation accord, but is still several votes short of the 60 he needs and Mr Dole's support is critical. The Republicans have long sought to cut the capital gains tax to promote investment, but Democrats consider it just a windfall for the rich and Mr Panetta suggested such a deal was improbable.



Helms: denounced by White House

Republican governors, their numbers swollen to a near-record 30 after the November 8 mid-term elections, are also flexing their muscles and making it clear that their party's power resides not just in Congress.

Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, they are demanding that a Republican Congress give the 50 states much more autonomy, and that its proposed constitutional amendment mandating a balanced federal Budget include language forbidding the government from simply shifting the financial burden of its programmes to the states.

"We are balancing budgets, we are reforming welfare, we are fixing healthcare, we are dealing with crime," said Mike Leavitt, the Governor of Utah and the new president of the Republican Governors Association. "Our message to congressional leaders, people of this country, is: 'Get out of the way. We can solve these problems'."

The governors also urged their congressional counterparts not to be distracted from their economic programme by highly emotive but largely symbolic issues such as legalising school prayer.

Old Gore letters add to rift with military

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE strained relationship between the White House and its generals was stretched further yesterday after it emerged in previously unpublished letters that Vice-President Al Gore criticised the US army while a Harvard student.

"We do have inveterate antipathy for communism — or paranoia, as I like to put it," wrote the young Mr Gore in the late 1960s to his father, then Senator Albert Gore Sr.

"My own belief is that this form of psychological ailment — in this case a national madness — leads the victim to actually create the thing which is feared the most."

He continued: "It strikes me that this is precisely what the US has been doing: creating — and if not creating, energetically supporting — fascist totalitarian regimes in the name of fighting totalitarianism. Greece. South Vietnam, a good deal of Latin America. For me, the best example of all is the US army."

Publication of the letters in the latest edition of *New Yorker* magazine, which obtained them from Mr Gore's *parents, comes only days* after a renewed onslaught from Jesse Helms, the right-wing North Carolina senator, on President Clinton's fitness as Commander-in-Chief.

Although Mr Gore later enlisted in the army and served in Vietnam, the letters serve as another reminder of Mr Clinton's writings when a student at Oxford, in which he said many people found themselves "loving their country but loathing the military". Mr Gore said the army had proved to be a formative experience. "Obviously, that's college kids' silly language in the midst of a very intense period for the country," he said. "I went into the army right after that. And I found out better." Also in the article, Mr Gore noted that one dayhe would like to be President, but said he was happy to bind his future to Mr Clinton, whom he believed would be "regarded by historians as one of the greatest Presidents this country has ever had".



Gore: dismissed his comments from Harvard as "college kids' silly language"

American Express fined $7m

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HOUSTON

THE Justice Department announced a $33-million (£21-million) settlement with American Express Bank International yesterday. A $7-million fine is included in what authorities call the biggest penalty ever imposed on a US financial institution for laundering drug money.

The bank agreed to forfeit an additional $7 million as a result of other money laundering transactions and will spend $3 million to educate employees about the rules.

The case is related to the seizing of $33 million by US Customs officers in 1992 and the conviction in a federal court in Brownsville, Texas, of two of the bank's officers for money laundering and bank fraud earlier this year.

US postal service takes the Christ out of Christmas

BY BEN MACINTYRE

IN THE true spirit of political correctness, the American postal service is to stop issuing a traditional Christmas stamp depicting the Madonna and Child, for fear of offending non-Christians.

For the past 24 years the service has sold billions of the stamps, but Marvin Runyon, the US Postmaster-General, has announced that the 1995 list of commemorative stamps will not include the depiction of Mary and Jesus.

American post offices will also be banned from mounting displays or hanging posters that specifically refer to Christmas or Hanukah, the Jewish festival. In 1995 postmasters will be permitted to *put up* "evergreen trees bearing non-religious ornaments" and the menorah, the traditional Hanukah symbol, but only when they are "displayed with other seasonal matter". The ban does not include displays celebrating Kwanza, the African-American festival.

Under the new rules, "displays should relate to the business of the Postal Service." In other words, deck the halls with airmail stickers and undelivered parcels.

Christmas stamps were introduced in America in 1970 and, despite periodic protests from atheists, postmasters continued the tradition.

Mr Runyon has been accused of bowing to the demands of politically correct censors when he made the announcement last week.

"Instead of advocating freedom of religion," Mark Kellner wrote in *The Washington Times*, "the postal service is taking a stand for freedom from religion".

Commemorative stamps provides the US postal service with a crucial source of revenue and last year it sold Elvis Presley stamps for $500 million (£324 million).

While the Madonna and Child may be considered an unacceptable emblem for modern postage, Richard Nixon, it seems, is not. Last week Mr Runyon announced that a stamp will be produced commemorating the 37th President, who left the White House in disgrace after the Watergate scandal. This has prompted fury among those Americans for whom Mr Nixon's memory is less than sacred.

The former President's "disservice to his nation should exclude him forever from honours accorded to the great or near good," *USA Today* said.

"The truth is, entertainment and controversy, not heroes and idealism, sell at the postal service these days . . . licking a Nixon stamp is bound to leave a bad taste."

Transplant star 'critical'

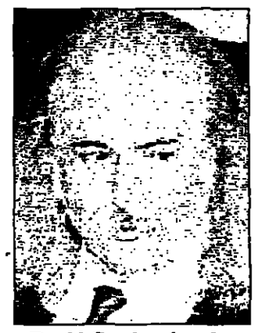
FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

DAVID Crosby, veteran star of the rock group Crosby, Stills and Nash, was "critical" in a Los Angeles hospital last night after a seven-hour liver transplant operation.

Crosby, 53, suffered chronic liver damage as a result of decades of drug abuse, his publicist, Elliot Mintz, said.

The transplant was performed on Sunday night at the University of California Medical Centre, and doctors said they were "optimistic" about his chances of recovery. The organ donor was not identified. Despite severe physical pain, Crosby performed with Crosby, Stills and Nash at the Woodstock '94 concert in August, but in recent weeks his condition deteriorated sharply. He was admitted to hospital on November 2.

Stephen Stills, Crosby's fellow bandmember, said he was overjoyed to hear of the operation. Mr Mintz said: "There's no question about it that substance abuse did, in fact, contribute to the condition of David's liver. He wrote about it . . . He never held back."



David Crosby: decades of drug abuse

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN chief stands by Goulding

New York: Marrack Goulding, the top British official at the United Nations headquarters, yesterday received the backing of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Secretary-General, despite his relationship with Catherine Pawlow, his secretary in the UN chief's office (James Bone writes).

Countering reports that Mr Goulding was out of favour, Ahmad Fawzi, a spokesman for Dr Boutros Ghali, said: "The Secretary-General has the fullest confidence in Mr Goulding and I see no reason why that should change."

Wall charges

Bonn: Egon Krenz, the former East German leader, and six other top former communists will be charged with manslaughter for the killings of people fleeing over the Berlin Wall and other borders. *(AP)*

Taxi protest

Madrid: Thousands of taxi drivers blocked central Madrid in protest after the overnight murders of two of their colleagues. Police said that the same gun was used in both killings. *(Reuter)*

Bungalow blast

Ajaccio: Hooded separatists blew up five holiday bungalows in northern Corsica after overpowering the director of a group of holiday homes, her two children and their nanny. *(Reuter)*

'List' tribute

New York: Forty of the Jews who appeared on Oskar Schindler's list, the subject of Steven Spielberg's hit film, gathered here to honour the director. One described him as "a genius". *(Reuter)*

Rains kill 20

Djibouti: Torrential rains battered the desert nation of Djibouti, killing at least 20 people in the southern region of Hol-Hol and forcing thousands to flee their homes, officials said. *(AP)*

Cost of reform

Tokyo: Reforms to make political campaigning cheaper were passed by parliament, putting pressure on Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, to call early polls. *(Reuter)*



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Allied commander says 'I don't expect this airfield to be out of commission for long'

Strict limits were applied to Nato's biggest raid

■ The Nato attack was designed to send a message to the Serbs that enough is enough; now Nato officials hope the message has been received, Michael Evans writes

NATO'S air raid on the Serb airfield at Udbina in Croatia yesterday was the biggest bombing operation mounted by the alliance since it was founded. Thirty bombers backed by as many as nine support aircraft were involved.

"We wanted the Serbs to get the message this time," a senior Nato official said last night. Robert Hunter, the US Ambassador to Nato, said: "This [raid] demonstrates we have come to the point where we say 'enough is enough'."

Although the public debate between Nato and the United Nations over the need for retaliatory action after the Serb air attacks on Bihac gave the Serbs ample warning of the impending raid, the waves of alliance aircraft completed their mission without encountering ground fire. The aim of the operation was to "hit large chunks of tarmac" at the single-runway airfield south-west of Bihac and just over the Croatian border. The attack was also aimed at the Sam 6 missile and anti-aircraft sites round the base.

Nato would not give such precise details of the mission as the total number of bombs dropped, but it is known that four RAF Jaguars took part, two in the strike and two in a reconnaissance role. The two RAF aircraft involved in the bombing mission dropped 1,000lb bombs from medium-level (above 10,000ft) to avoid anti-aircraft fire.

Britain also has six Sea Harriers on board the aircraft carrier *HMS Invincible*, on patrol in the Adriatic. They were not used in the bombing raid, but helped to provide "top cover" for the Nato operation. Eight French aircraft took part in the raid, four Jaguars and two Mirage 2000s.

Admiral Leighton Smith, commander of Allied Forces in Southern Europe, based at Naples and in overall charge of Nato's 150 aircraft at Italian bases and in the Adriatic, said after the raid: "Our aircraft have reported good hits on their targets." He added that the strike was in response to two Serb air attacks from Udbina on the Bihac pocket.

"Clearly the signal has been sent. Our hope is that it has been received," the admiral said.

Contingency plans for bombing the airfield had been drawn up some weeks ago after it became clear that the Serbs were using Udbina to launch attacks on the Muslim enclave, a designated UN safe area. It was not until Sunday, however, that authorisation for a Nato raid was given by Yasushi Akashi, the UN envoy in the former Yugoslavia.

Mr Akashi granted permission after consultation with Lieutenant-General Bertrand de Lapresle, the French commander of the UN forces in the former Yugoslavia. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, who had returned early from a trip to Britain, was also consulted.

Nato sources said that an airstrike was planned for Sunday, but it was delayed for 24 hours because of poor weather conditions. The 30 bombers began taking off at 10.30am (GMT) from four Nato air bases in Italy. America, the largest contributor to the raid, provided F18Ds, F15Es, F16Cs and F111s from Aviano. The RAF Jaguars were from Gioia del Colle. The French Jaguars flew from Istrana and the Mirage 2000s from Cervia. The Netherlands flew F16As from Villafranca. Each country also supplied support aircraft which consisted of air-to-air refuelling tankers, reconnaissance planes and search-and-rescue aircraft. Nato E3A/D early-warning planes monitored the entire raid.

Colonel Andrew Duncan of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London said: "This is what Nato has been practising for more than 40 years."

A Nato spokesman said the pilots were under orders to hit the runway but, even with 30 bombers involved, the mission had its limits. UN commanders in Bosnia who had requested the strike, specifically asked Nato not to hit Serb planes on the ground in order to avoid causing collateral damage and casualties.

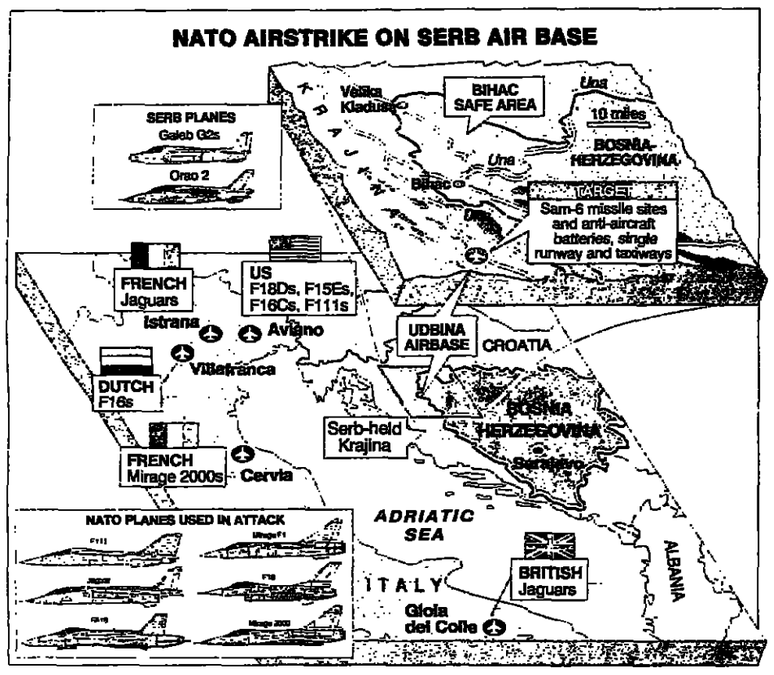
The pilots therefore had to avoid directing their 500lb and 1,000lb bombs on to the parkways round the airfield where the Serbs have up to 20 aircraft, about six Orao J22s and 14 Galeb G2s. Military sources said the British JP233 "runway denial" bomb, which was deployed to such effect in the Gulf War, was not used, despite the fact that it could have rendered the airfield unusable for much longer.

Admiral Smith said the raid was not of sufficient magnitude to put the runway at Udbina fully out of commission. "It's fairly easy to fill up a hole in an airfield, so I don't expect this airfield to be out of commission for an awfully long time," he said.

The Nato jets encountered some anti-aircraft fire but all of them returned to base. Nato sources said the raid was restricted by the mandate handed to the alliance. Nevertheless, compared with the previous four air strikes mounted by Nato, three of which involved symbolic "gesture" raids on isolated targets, such as single tanks, and one involved shooting down four Serb ground-attack planes, the 30-aircraft assault represented the biggest punishment so far for Serb violations of UN resolutions.

The raid matched the words of Nato defence ministers at a meeting in Seville in September when they demanded a heavier and more rapid response to Serb violations. Their recommendation for tougher action followed frequent disagreements between Nato commanders and UN military chiefs in Bosnia over how to respond to the Serbs.

THE AIRSTRIKES





Watched by a man inside Sarajevo town hall, French UN troops inspect the site where two missiles fired from Serb positions landed yesterday. Two people were injured

Turning tide of conflict buoys Muslims

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE Nato raids on Serbs in Croatia come as the Balkan conflict is entering a dangerous new phase after a period of comparative calm.

During the spring and summer, there was a glimmer of hope that Bosnia could be prevented from sliding back to all-out war. The Muslim-Croat alliance recognised that the arms embargo would probably not be lifted and that the two groups might have to rely more on negotiation than fighting. They also realised that Britain and France were not bluffing in threatening to pull out their troops if the arms ban were lifted.

The Serbs, meanwhile, had gained most of the land they reasonably hoped to and were largely concerned with hanging on to as much as possible. This was more than the international Contact Group peace plan allowed, and they rejected the map. They did not want pockets of Muslims in what they consider "their" eastern part of Bosnia — Gorazde, Zepa and

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Srebrenica — and because they wanted access to the sea. Talks reached deadlock, especially after Belgrade broke with Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader; but militarily, the republic was quieter than at any time since war broke out in April 1992.

Three crucial factors have changed that: first, the Muslim-led government defeated the rebel Fikret Abdic in Bihac in September, and then used its freed-up forces to take land nearby, including Kupres, a former Croat-held town that the Serbs did not need anyway.

But the Muslims' gains seem to have given them an impression of military might and they now talk about fighting to gain back areas that the Serbs want to keep. The Muslims' confidence has been boosted by US decisions to stop policing the arms ban and to push for a lifting of the embargo in the spring. President Izetbegovic has spoken about launching a string of low-scale battles along a long confrontation line.

Second, the decision by President Milosevic in Serbia to isolate the Bosnian Serbs in exchange for an easing of sanctions has galvanised Serbs in Croatia, who must maintain links with Belgrade but need the Bosnian Serbs as a bridge. The Serbs in Croatia are heading for a bitter confrontation with Zagreb, which wants the UN to disarm Serbs on its territory.

The Croatian Serbs will never do this voluntarily; they feel threatened by the Croats, who want to move back to Serb-held Krajina. Zagreb is threatening to refuse to renew the UN mandate in the New Year, so the pressure on the Croatian Serbs to help their brethren in Bosnia, and before the arms embargo may be lifted, is enormous.

Third, Nato airstrikes bolster the Muslim-led government's faith in US ability to bring about a more partisan international role in the conflict.

Child of war confined in a plush prison

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
IN SARAJEVO

THEY call the cherubic, wide-eyed toddler Mushroom Boy because he never goes out. He eats from fine china plates, sleeps between crisp sheets and learns his alphabet at a polished table on a Chinese rug. Paintings adorn the walls in a spacious flat that compares well with those in the plusher parts of South Kensington and Chelsea.

But the skin on his leg is puckered and scarred from when he stumbled against a pan of boiling water during an electricity blackout. For Mido Memija lives in Sarajevo and his parents dare not let him play outside, where snipers lurk and shells burst without warning.

He was conceived in May 1991, on the eve of Yugoslavia's break-up, and was born in February 1992, weeks before the cataclysm descended on the Bosnian capital. Mufid and Alma, Mido's parents, lived in a three-bedroomed house in a suburb of Sarajevo with two cars and a bright future when Serbs began shelling their neighbourhood. "I grabbed the baby and fled. My husband tried to keep them at bay with a gun, but what use is a gun against tanks and artillery?" Mrs Memija said. The family sheltered for 18 months in a

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dark room nearer the centre of Sarajevo. In September last year they moved to a flat near the presidency building, with furniture and fittings provided by friends.

They count themselves lucky, but the grind of life under siege means a relentless round of collecting water, ironing at midnight if the power is turned on for a couple of hours, and trying to find new ways to cook beans, rice and flour. Mido, luckily, is fond of his "humanitaria-juice", the powdered orange and vitamin drink provided by the United Nations.

The kitchen and bathroom are littered with bottles of boiled water for drinking and cleaning teeth, and cans and buckets of unboiled water for bathing, washing clothes and flushing the lavatory. The water is collected in a rush during the two hours every other day when the mains supply is connected. Gas supplies, like electricity, are erratic and sometimes do not materialise for days. When Mido awakes in his comfortable prison, often roused from sleep by a shell-burst or sniper fire, he finds Saza, his grandmother, enjoying the relative safety away from her flat in "sniper's alley", and his aunt Emina huddled near the oven door trying to keep warm.

Mido's mother says: "When I used to see refugees in the Gulf War, I thought 'Oh, it is very sad', but then forgot about it. I suppose that is how people outside see us now."Twice a month she queues for the UN supplies that keep Sarajevans alive — flour, oil, and cans of meat "which even the cats won't eat". She buys a little meat and fruit and vegetables at inflated prices in the market.

Breakfast for Mido is an egg, scrambled with dried milk and a little salty cheese, and his main meal is dried-vegetable soup followed by cabbage and onions.

The winter dusk comes soon after 4pm and when there is no electricity the family fumbles around with torches and candles. Going to the lavatory and washing hands from the bottled water means "learning to be an octopus", Mrs Memija says. Mido turns circles on the carpet in the cold dimness of his home after dark. "He has no park to play in, no friends to play with, and he has all this energy," says his grandmother. "He thinks all the world is old like us."

Yeltsin supports fresh powers

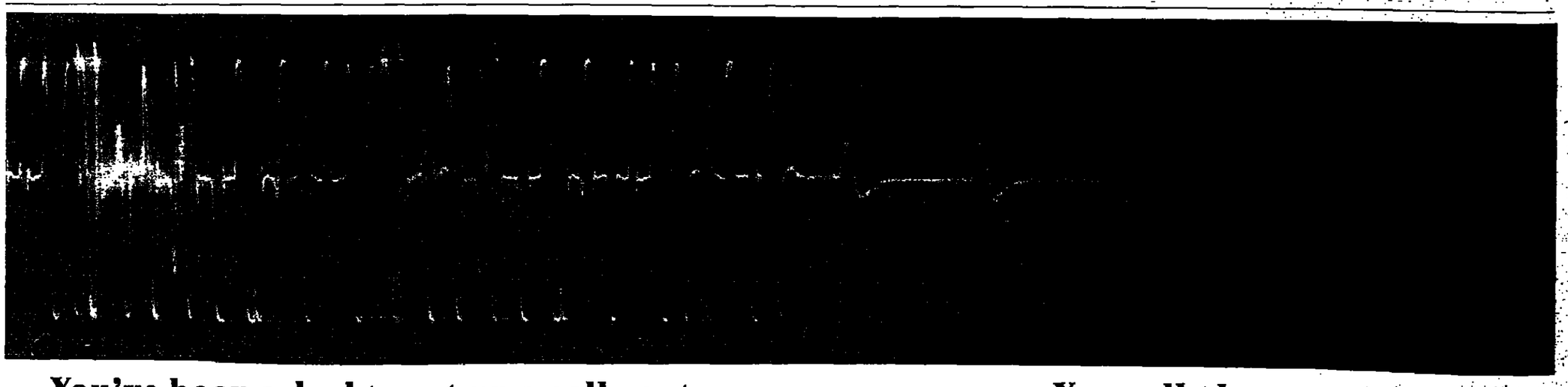
FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin backed the UN decision that allowed yesterday's airstrikes, but said Moscow was "outraged" by American plans to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims.

Speaking before the attacks took place, Mr Yeltsin told reporters: "Krajina Serbs (in Croatia) to some extent violated international agreements and launched air raids, which is inadmissible."

He said Moscow's representative at the UN Security Council had been ordered to support the attacks "because the international community must be respected." The Security Council has granted Nato new powers to attack targets outside Bosnia used by Serb forces to attack Bihac. Russia favours easing international sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro, but maintains a tough stance on Serbs fighting in Bosnia.

The Kremlin has differed with the West over the policy adopted on Bosnia, but now the West appears divided. The US has failed to persuade other Security Council members to abandon the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims, but has stopped enforcing the ban.



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Arafat defies Islamic extremists as Egyptian leader briefs Major on threat to peace

Peres fears Gaza 'near explosion'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SHIMON Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, said yesterday that friction between rival Palestinian factions in Gaza was "close to an explosion".

Mr Peres was addressing the foreign affairs and defence committee of the Knesset after earlier reports of a truce between the Palestine Liberation Organisation and its main Islamic rivals had been denied. The plan was part of a mediation effort to cool tension after 14 Palestinians were shot dead and 200 wounded by Palestinian police last Friday.

Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, held a rally in Gaza City yesterday with 10,000 supporters, some of them armed, in a show of strength designed to intimidate his opponents, who have threatened revenge for last week's shooting.

Mr Arafat declared in a message to his main rivals, Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement) and Islamic Jihad: "We will not allow anybody to sow disorder and we will not allow anyone to destroy what we have built."

Flanked by Nasr Yousef, the chief of the PLO police, Mr Arafat said: "Today is a referendum on the National Authority, a referendum on the PLO, the state of alert continues and eyes are open. You are the protectors of security, no one can take away from Fatah and the Palestinian police."

The larger than expected demonstration pointed to the deep divisions within the 850,000 Gaza Arabs. Recent estimates put support for the Islamic opposition groups at about 30 per cent.

Members of the recently revived Fatah Hawks, a pro-Arafat underground group, chanted abuse at the Islamic groups who have staged anti-PLO protest.

Attempts to negotiate a stand-off failed because of the insistence by Hamas that the PLO leader admits responsibility for last Friday's shooting.

The group has accused Mr Arafat of bending to Israeli pressure to crack down on the militants and of engineering the confrontation which followed last Friday's noon Muslim prayers. The PLO has blamed Islamic militants for provoking the violence and claimed that Hamas activists had come to Gaza's Palestine Mosque armed.

Israeli Arab mediators, who have been in Gaza since the weekend, announced that an agreement had been reached, but leaders of Hamas denied they had signed anything or would join a fact-finding mission being set up by the Palestinian Authority to investigate the killings.

However, Taleb Al-Sana, one of the mediators, predicted that there would be a nine-point agreement by the end of the week.



President Mubarak of Egypt inspects a guard of honour at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London yesterday at the start of a three-day visit. He aims to persuade donors to fulfil their pledges to the Palestinians

Mubarak presses aid case

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PRESIDENT Mubarak of Egypt and John Major yesterday discussed the threats to the Middle East peace process by Islamic extremists and agreed that there was an urgent need for the West to keep up the momentum of economic help to Gaza.

The Egyptian leader, visiting London to bolster Western investment in his country, held almost an hour of talks at Downing Street that focused largely on the tension in Gaza.

Mr Mubarak also threw his weight behind Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, saying it would be a disaster if he were removed. He complained in a television interview that only $48 million (£30.5 million) of the $2.2 billion promised to the Palestinians by international donors had arrived in Gaza.

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Burma dissident calls on UN to oppose tyranny

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

AUNG San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader, yesterday urged the United Nations to support democratic movements in poor countries to fight tyranny and achieve genuine development.

She said totalitarian governments in Asia reject democracy and human rights by arguing that they are Western concepts opposed to national culture. The speech was read for Daw Suu Kyi, who is under house arrest in Rangoon, at a meeting of Unesco's World Commission on Culture and Development in the Philippines. She did not mention the military-backed government of Burma, but her remarks were clearly aimed in its direction.



Daw Suu Kyi: speech read out to meeting

In a reference to the State Law and Order Restoration Commission's explanation that it was defending Burmese culture when it crushed the democratic movement she led, Daw Suu Kyi said: "It is often in the name of cultural integrity, as well as social stability and national security, that democratic reforms based on human rights are resisted by authoritarian governments.

"True development of human beings involves much more than mere economic growth," she said. "At its heart there must be a sense of empowerment and inner fulfilment ... In this paradigm, development requires democracy, the genuine empowerment of the people.

"If the UN and its agencies wish to assist this development, they must support these movements which seek to empower the people, movements which are founded on democracy, and which will one day ensure a culture of peace and of development," she said, but did not explain how the UN might do this.

The speech was read by Corazon Aquino, the former Philippines President, at the opening of a five-day meeting of the commission. Officials said the speech was prepared at the invitation of the commission's chairman, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the former UN Secretary-General.

Daw Suu Kyi said that poverty threatens social stability, and that ethnic conflict and minority discontent are two of the greatest threats to internal and regional peace.

It was the first time that a speech by the opposition leader has been delivered at an international forum since her arrest in 1989. In the past two years few but her immediate family have been allowed to visit her. She has had two meetings with military leaders in the past few months aimed at a resolution of the political impasse in Burma.

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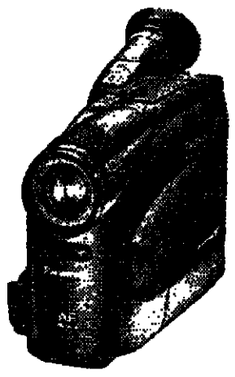
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How Blunkett got lost in the blackboard jungle

There is no point — or political milage — in making school league tables more complicated



MARGOT NORMAN

David Blunkett had better wear cricket pads for his next meeting with the National Union of Teachers. For us ordinary mortals it was merely surprising to hear Labour's education spokesman defending school league tables. But the NUT listened with the agonised expression of a nun hearing four-letter words from the Pope. His article in yesterday's *Times* then compounded the blasphemy by making markedly more extravagant claims for these tables than does the Conservative Education Secretary in her introduction to the 1994 league in today's edition.

Mr Blunkett says he knows of "no serious disagreement" with the proposition that parents have a right to know not only how their own children are doing at school but also how other people's children are doing at other schools — and by implication, one supposes, how much better their own children might be doing were they attending one of those other schools. So much for the unserious NUT.

The problem with the existing tables, he says, is that they don't tell parents enough. Mrs Shephard agrees, but whereas she thinks that comparative tables will never be able to "tell us the full story" however much she tinkers with them, Mr Blunkett's conversion is so complete that he has committed the Labour Party to league tables that will overcome the objections of serious-minded socialists by telling all. Labour intends to tell us everything it can possibly discover about the calibre of a school's intake in order that we may judge how much or how little "value" the school has managed to add.

On cannot help foreseeing difficulties with this approach. A genuinely candid assessment of a sink school's intake would reflect so badly on the parents that it would be unlikely to win many votes for the local Labour candidate. To do this thing properly you should not restrict youself to noting neutral factors like average reading age and whether the children's first language is English. No, you need to go further and throw in parental convictions (and I am not talking about religion here), alcohol intake, job/jobless status, marital history and personal habits (abuse of children and/or substances), rounding off with a few insulting observations about what a generally grotty and undesirable area the school is in.

And where does it all get you, this painstaking catalogue of disadvantage? At best, it enables you to congratulate a school that has managed average results in spite of it. At worst, it encourages those teaching in schools with lousy results to excuse themselves, and to set their sights even lower. (We saw this clearly in the Inner London Education Authority a decade ago). And it undoubtedly encourages those parents who are seeking something better for their children than a passport to the underclass to get the hell out of there as fast as they can.

There's no getting away from it, Mr Blunkett: comparative league tables are by their nature divisive and the fuller, franker and more informative they are the more divisive they are likely to be. Real parents live in the real world of raw data.

This, certainly is the line I was given in Birmingham by Marilyn Bailey, the local NUT organiser. Mr Blunkett pins his hopes on Birmingham, where the chief education officer Tim Brighouse (about whom Mrs Shephard's predecessor was so libellously uncomplimentary) has been putting a lot of effort into devising the "value-added" criteria to feed into the crude national tables, but he may not realise how tricky the exercise is proving. So tricky is it, in fact, that Dr John Hill, the statistician in charge, rather doubts whether it will ever be advisable to make the information he is collecting available to parents.

Mr Blunkett is impressed by Birmingham's attempts to get the value-added process going from the point at which children start school at the age of five. Marilyn Bailey isn't. On the contrary, she was horrified to hear of Labour's U-turn, remains "absolutely opposed" to league tables of any kind and is suspicious of the local value-added exercise. "They're testing five-year-olds now, and I would like to see David Blunkett's response to a primary school that said: 'Well, Mr Blunkett, your child can't count up to ten, identify five colours and hold a pencil properly, and we are only giving places to those that do' ".

Hers is the cynical view, and cynics make no progress in education. So far as I know no Birmingham primary school has refused a five-year-old a place on grounds of ignorance. Any over-subscribed school is likely to devise ways of spotting, and accepting, those children who will be easiest to teach and reflect most credit on it, regardless of any system the local authority has in place.

Local league tables which break down GCSE results by subject, thereby indicating which, if any, are well taught, are already more useful to parents than the national ones.

What they are trying to do in Birmingham (and in Newcastle, Sheffield and Southwark, whose performance in the league also prompted searching local reviews) is quite properly to spot which schools are turning saws' ears into silk purses and which are not. In Birmingham taking appropriate action largely involves setting up homework and reading clubs, plus extra tutorials for those speaking English as a second language.

No doubt the value-added controversy will eventually resolve itself, with Labour and the Conservatives agreeing to include one or two indicators like reading age and English as a second language, but otherwise relying solely on national tests at seven and eleven. Meanwhile, we shall see whose eye is blacker, Mr Blunkett's or the NUT's.

Thin times for Australia's Billy Bunter

Jane Wheatley *on the shaky position of Alexander Downer, the Leader of the Opposition*

If a week is a long time in politics, then six months must seem like an eternity to Alexander Downer, the embattled and Bunter-esque leader of the Australian Liberal Party.

Elected in May, Mr Downer was the great white hope of a desperate party which has had five leaders in 11 years (one of them twice) and lost three federal elections in a row. But he has risen and fallen in what must surely be record time. In just four months, his popularity rating slipped from a honeymoon high of 40 points to 17, and then slumped to 11.

With the possibility that the Labor Prime Minister, Paul Keating, will call an early election in April next year, the last thing the Liberals need is another change of leader. Yet Mr Downer is doing so badly, it cannot be ruled out.

Educated in England, Alexander Downer is a strange choice for a party struggling to come to grips with the electoral demands of modern multicultural Australia. With his English wife, the former BBC journalist Nicola Robinson, and four children with names such as Henrietta and Edward, he is perceived, fairly or not, as a prissy, plummy and privileged Pommie type with a whiney voice.

He went to Radley college and Newcastle University. The most his Radley schoolmates could say about him when pressed by Australian journalists was that "he kicked the rugby ball very far". His professor at Newcastle, where he studied economics, was surprised that he had become leader of a big political party. Mr Downer was, he said, "a very good chap" but not blessed with great intellect. "Perhaps that's not needed," he added kindly.

Australia is increasingly a land of non-Anglo-Saxon migrants — from Italy, Greece, old Yugoslavia and Asia. The majority of them do not vote for the Liberal Party, not least because some, including Mr Downer himself in the past, have opposed immigration. Other large minorities, such as Australia's five million Roman Catholics, young people, atheists, agnostics and homosexuals, do not see the Liberal Party as representing their interests either.

Mr Downer, the pink-cheeked young fogey, is seen as the epitome of the old-style Liberal, an anachronism from the golden years of Sir Robert Menzies, founder of the modern Liberal Party in 1945. It is probably unfair. Mr Downer knows perfectly well that the party must broaden its base, and has positioned himself as a "progressive conservative".

But though he is young and pragmatic enough to modernise his views on topics such as republicanism (he once said the monarchy was a symbol of Australian society's need for a moral consensus), abortion (he said it should be available only on medical or psychological grounds), and gay rights, he has difficulty dragging the backwoodsmen in his own party along with him. In his desire to maintain the support of the old guard, he has appeared to be more right-wing than he is. Great contortions have been performed in recent weeks to accommodate the wildly differing views within the party. As one commentator puts it, "behaviour like this guarantees the media spotlight because a body threatening to tear itself apart is intrinsically fascinating".

But the Liberals' weakness is a mirror image of Labor's strength. Paul Keating, with his £1,000 Ermenegildo Zegna suits, collection of French Empire clocks and a new £1 million house in Sydney's eastern suburbs, is an odd sort of chap to be Labor leader. But his coruscating style, piquant abuse and supreme confidence have earned him grudging respect. He is not liked, but he is seen as strong and he has the Canberra press gallery eating out of his hand.

By contrast, Alexander Downer has had a rough ride in his six months as Leader of the Opposition. Tom Lehrer used to remark that he wished people who had nothing to say would shut up, but Mr Downer talks a lot, thus increasing his opportunities for saying the wrong thing. And he has made some unsolicited gaffes — like a ghastly joke about wife-battering.

But it is also the way he sounds. "Mean when he should be cutting... snide instead of sincere... bullying rather than persuasive", observed one columnist. And he has a habit of using words such as "horrid" and "teensy weensy" (as in "I'm not a teensy weensy bit worried"), which are about as familiar to the Australian vernacular as Russian. He used to be teased about his public-school accent, but that changed when he became leader, and now he sounds neither posh nor ocker. He recently complained to a journalist that people did not like him because he had a plummy accent. "Nonsense," she said bracingly. "Your problem now is that you sound like a real nancy boy."

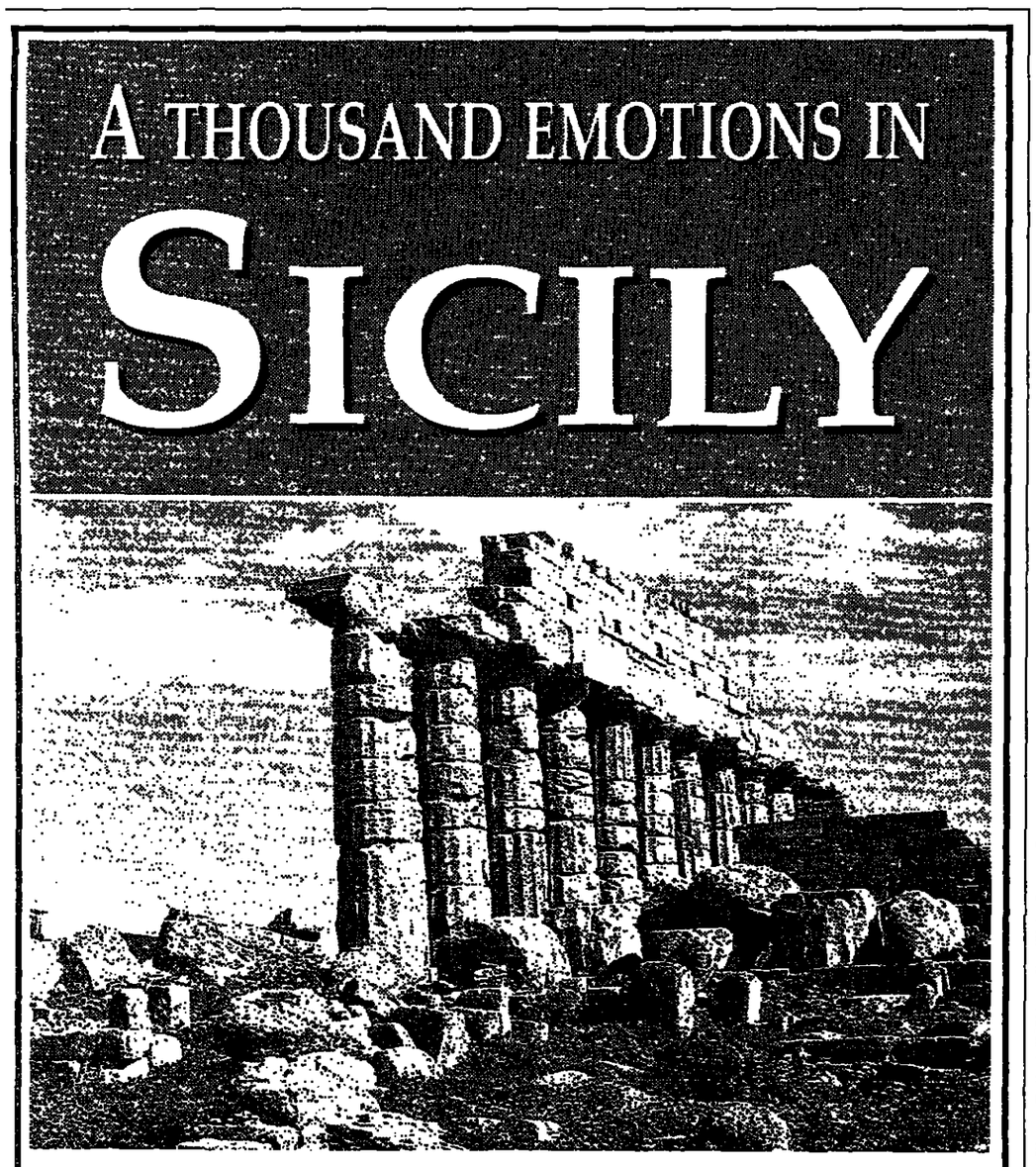
But he has also undoubtedly been the victim of some concentrated covert kneecapping, not only — and predictably — from Labor via an ever willing media but, more worryingly, from his own colleagues. On the eve of his ascension, a senior Liberal senator made a plea for unity: "There is a disease in the party," she said. "No one seems able to give loyalty to an elected leader."

Last week one of the country's most respected columnists broke a story that Mr Downer had been so upset by the appalled reaction to his wife-battering 'sally that he had burst into tears in his office in front of two Parliamentary colleagues. Mr Downer denied it furiously, saying it was the sort of journalism you would expect from the British tabloids. A couple of days later the columnist ate very humble pie, stating that he was wrong. It was clear that the story had been a deliberate piece of disinformation by someone from Mr Downer's own party.

He may yet survive, but only because lurching to another leader would almost certainly be worse for the party than sticking with the one they have.



Alexander Downer, sneered at for using words such as "teensy weensy" and "horrid"



Chuzzlewit's cocktail circuit

Dickens was the first Briton to spot a new type of drink, says John Grigg

IF *Martin Chuzzlewit* on television is having the usual effect of encouraging people to read the book, they will find in Chapter XVI what I believe to be the first mention by a British author of a term which has since acquired universal currency.

Soon after his arrival in New York Martin is introduced to a local politician, Major Pawkins, who "could hang about a bar-room discussing the affairs of the nation, for twelve hours together; and in that time could hold forth with more intolerable dullness, chew more tobacco, smoke more tobacco, drink more rum-toddy, mint-julep, gin-sling and cock-tail, than any private gentleman... This made him an orator and a man of the people." (italics).

Chuzzlewit appeared in 1843-44. Earlier in the century, in 1809, the American writer Washington Irving (in his burlesque of New York, written under the pseudonym Diedrich Knickerbocker), had referred to "those recondite beverages, cock-tail, stone-fence and sherry cobbler". In both references "cock-tail" is clearly one drink among many, not a drink which has achieved primacy in its field, let alone a a generic term for all spirits-based pre-prandial drinks.

The *OED* defines it as "a drink, consisting of spirit mixed with a small quantity of bitters, some sugar, etc. Orig. *US.*" But the admirable Dr Brewer, in his *Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, gives a better definition: "An iced drink made of spirits mixed with bitters, sugar, and some aromatic flavouring". Ice is surely a vital ingredient.



A toast: Mrs Gamp by Phiz

Brewer also mentions a story in the *New York World* (1891) to the effect that cocktail "is an Aztec word, and that the liquor was discovered by a Toltec noble, who sent it by the hand of his daughter Xochitl to the king, who promptly named in xoctl, whence cock-tail". This seems a very tall story, and Brewer himself hints as much, describing it as "a good specimen of the manufacture of popular etymologies".

In the 1893 edition of Mrs Beeton's *Book of Household Management* — a Victorian work with a huge readership — there is a section on "Popular American Drinks" in which gin-sling, mint-julip [sic] and sherry-cobbler are mentioned, among others, but not cock-tail. Yet by the 1890s the latter must have been well on its way to losing its hyphen and becoming the dominant term it has been throughout the present century. Perhaps, indeed, Mrs Beeton does not include it precisely because it has ceased to be specific and become generic.

In 1907 an Edith Wharton character is described as "leaving everywhere in her wake a trail of cigarette ashes and cocktail glasses". Cocktail glasses, cocktail cabinets, cocktail dresses, cocktail parties — the related terminology is endless. In 1950 the cocktail party established itself in literature, as the title of a play by T.S. Eliot. The word has also been used for concoctions of a different kind, as in Molotov cocktail.

In this country the actual consumption of cocktails has recently been much reduced by fear of the breathalyser, and what used to be called cocktail parties are now likely to be called drinks parties, in which wine and soft drinks are far more in evidence than the various forms of cocktail. But the word itself is habitually used by millions who have never tasted a Manhattan or a dry Martini.

THE way particular terms become generic is one of the mysteries of language. "Cocktail's" advantage over the other drinks mentioned by Dickens in the passage quoted may have been that it was not, like them, explicitly tied to one form of liquor, rum or gin, or to one taste, mint. But in Washington Irving's list of "recondite beverages" there was one that could have had the same advantage, "stone fence". Yet stone fences remained in obscurity, while cocktail made it into the big time.

Incidentally, Chapter XVI of *Martin Chuzzlewit* also contains the memorable comment: "...the rest were strangely devoid of individual traits of character, insomuch that any one of them might have changed minds with the other, and nobody could have found it out".

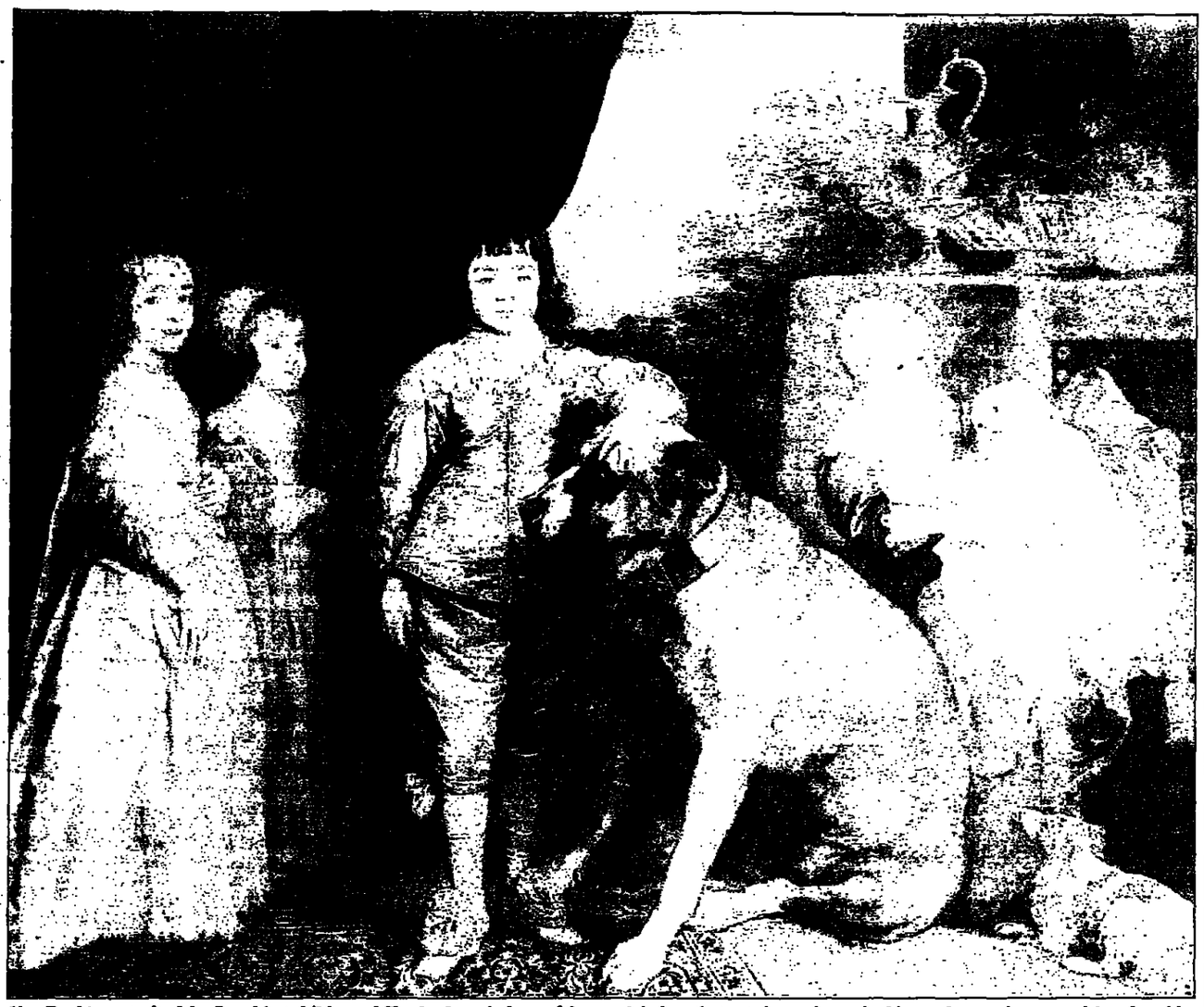
A fair description of many cocktail parties?



The benefits of pet ownership can be outweighed by the health risks they pose

Man's best friend or foe?

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh explains why a lost family pet will not be replaced



Van Dyck's portrait of the five eldest children of Charles I reminds us of the special place that pets have always had in our homes, however rich or humble

Ozymandias, our cat, went out one day and never came back. The cellar became infested with mice; I developed a bereavement reaction so florid that I saw non-existent tabby cats in all the shadows; and my son's asthma was cured overnight.

Domestic animals do more than keep people company. In addition to the well-known guide dog service for the blind, assistant pets for people with disabilities include hearing dogs for the deaf, miniature monkeys who turn pages and operate computer keys for the severely paralysed, and even dogs who can somehow predict their owners' impending epileptic fits. The benefits of regular horse-riding for patients with cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome have been extensively studied by neurologists and include improvements in strength, balance, co-ordination, general confidence and social skills.

Covert video footage has demonstrated that people in wheelchairs receive more smiles, eye-contact and verbal greetings from the able-bodied when they are accompanied by an animal. Elderly people in nursing homes were found to seek more social interaction, cope better with everyday stresses, and have less need for anti-depressants or incontinence aids if they kept a pet. Stuffed pets and photographs of animals produced no such benefits.

The introduction of "animal-assisted therapy visits" to emotionally disturbed young men significantly reduced their aggressiveness and improved their sociability, and pets in school classrooms elicited nurturing behaviour in children which carried over into playground interactions.

A tank of tropical fish in the waiting room was once shown to reduce patients' requests for sedation when undergoing dental procedures. The blood pressure of dog-lovers subjected to laboratory stress rose less in the presence of friendly and familiar animals, but this benefit was not obtained if the companion provided was vicious, timid or ugly.

In general, dog owners take more exercise, report higher levels of wellbeing, and consult their doctors less often for a variety of minor illnesses including coughs and colds, back pains and ear infections compared with non-owners.

In one population survey from Australia, pet owners were found to have lower levels of blood pressure and cholesterol than non-owners, which may partially explain the findings of another study that heart attack victims who were pet owners lived longer after discharge from hospital than non-owners.

The case for investing in a furry friend for Christmas would appear to be strong, but I am afraid the pleas of my heartbroken children will fall on deaf ears. The two commonest causes of allergic asthma are house dust mite and plant pollens, but animal fur comes a close third. The chances of a toddler developing asthma or wheezy bronchitis are almost doubled with a cat, dog or guinea-pig in residence. Although paediatricians are divided as to whether much-loved family pets should be evicted empirically from the homes of wheezy children, the dramatic improvement in symptoms on the death of an animal is almost certainly grounds for making the house a pet-free zone.

Even if a pet leaves your children immunologically unscathed, it exposes them to a host of other health hazards. Ozymandias was wormed every three months, but it still bothered me that his tongue would be cleaning his backside one minute and licking the baby's fingers the next. The major risk from cat faeces is toxoplasma, a protozoon which causes a glandular fever-like illness in humans and, more rarely, miscarriage or brain damage to the unborn child.

Canine hookworm, usually passed on from puppies, produces chronic abdominal pain and bowel upset in children. Canine roundworm, or toxocara, causes recurrent abdominal pain and, more rarely, eye damage. Toxocarosis is not a notifiable disease, so the exact number of cases is unknown, but it is estimated that around ten children a year in the UK lose their sight as a result of contact with dog faeces at home or in public parks. Campylobacter, cryptosporidiosis, and *Clostridium difficile* passed on by dogs (and possibly cats) may all cause an acute illness with severe diarrhoea, abdominal cramps and dehydration.

> "Our cat disappeared and my son's asthma was cured overnight"

Pasteurella multocida, present in the saliva of many dogs and cats, can cause a rare form of meningitis in humans. *Ixodes dammini*, the tick which passes on Lyme disease (a relapsing illness with a skin rash, joint pains, severe lethargy and occasional heart and nerve damage), is now known to have a penchant for animal fur as well as human skin.

Opportunistic infections — which only cause life-threatening disease in those with impaired immunity (Aids patients and those taking steroids or cancer chemotherapy) — transmissible via domestic pets include toxoplasmosis, listeria, cryptosporidiosis, and salmonella. However, the benefits of animal companionship are generally thought to outweigh the risks in adult patients with immunodeficiencies, so long as good personal hygiene is maintained.

The most serious allegation levelled at the likes of Ozymandias is that leukaemia may be contracted from domestic cats — a subject reviewed in a recent article in *The Lancet*. Feline leukaemia virus (FeLV) is carried by about 18 per cent of sick cats and 5 per cent of healthy cats. Leukaemia in children is known to occur in clusters, suggesting (but not proving) that an infectious agent may be involved.

Certain strains of FeLV (though not the one commonly carried by domestic cats) have been shown to be capable of multiplying inside human cells. Lymphatic cancers have occurred simultaneously in pets and their owners. However, FeLV has never been isolated from human cancer sufferers, and veterinary surgeons, despite their high exposure to sick cats, do not have an increased risk of leukaemia. Nevertheless, the article advises that children, pregnant women and immunosuppressed patients should avoid contact with cats who are unwell or known to be carrying FeLV.

Exotic pets bring with them the risk of exotic diseases. The "harmless" ringsnake, *Rhabdophis subminiatus*, an increasingly popular fashion accessory, has caused several cases of life-threatening haemorrhagic fever from destruction of the clotting factors in human blood. Pet monkeys often carry a highly virulent strain of the cold sore virus (simian herpes), which can cause encephalitis (infection of the brain) from a single superficial bite or scratch.

Birds, including pigeons, canaries, budgerigars, cockatiels and parrots, have been incriminated in some (but not all) studies as an independent risk factor for lung cancer. Bats, much defended by environmentalists, have been known to fly in from mainland Europe carrying rabies.

Small rodents, particularly unusual varieties imported from the tropics, have been associated with a range of human illnesses known collectively as the rat-bite fevers, and even the humble hedgehog can pass on salmonella, mange mites, fleas, ticks and five different intestinal worms.

All of which brings me to the conclusion that, despite requests for chinchillas, white mice and live mutant turtles to replace our missing-presumed-dead moggy, my children will be lucky if Father Christmas brings them as much as a goldfish.

Inject some truth into vaccine debate

Parents need to know the benefits and dangers of inoculation

Throughout this month, children in schools all over England and Wales are being immunised against measles and rubella. What the Government hoped would be a triumph for public health has been an irritating chore for doctors and teachers.

Parents have phoned me to ask if it is all right to immunise their son who has eczema, their daughter who vomits when she eats an egg, or their grandchild who is receiving injections for delayed puberty. The calls betray an underlying anxiety that the immunisations may be unnecessary or even dangerous. So what are the facts?

Measles is a minor inconvenience for many children, a distressing and painful illness for some, and a cause of permanent disability or death for a few. It is the commonest killer of children undergoing treatment for leukaemia and other cancers. The measles vaccine was introduced in 1968 and today more than nine out of ten children are vaccinated. The results have been spectacular. Every year up to 1968, more than 400,000 children contracted measles, but by 1990 the numbers had fallen to only a few thousand. However, the widespread take-up of the combined measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine for infants, introduced in 1988, means that the one in ten children who are not immunised have little chance of catching the wild disease in infancy. Now they are more likely to contract measles at school age, when it is also likely to be more severe.



Nine in ten children are vaccinated

There has been a lot of measles around this year, mostly in children over ten, the majority of whom were not immunised in infancy. Blood tests on this age group show that one in eleven children are susceptible to the disease. If no action is taken, in 1995 around 150,000 children will suffer measles, of whom 6,000 will develop a serious chest infection, 2,000 will be admitted to hospital, 750 will have fits and 45 will die.

Some of my anxious inquirers are mystified why their children, already immunised in infancy, need another dose. The answer is that the vaccine is not 100 per cent effective: it offers protection for about 90 per cent of people. A second dose should boost this figure to about 97 per cent.

This year's mass campaign should interrupt the epidemic cycle, which is predicted to occur every eight years or so for as long as some children are not vaccinated and others fail to develop antibodies. In future, a two-dose regime may be necessary to try to eradicate the disease.

Rubella (German measles) can be devastating for a developing foetus, causing brain, eye and heart damage. From 1971 to 1985, some 35 babies a year were disabled by congenital rubella syndrome. Since the MMR vaccine was introduced, the figure is down to about three a year. Terminations in pregnant women developing rubella have also fallen from around 300 a year to only a handful.

But not every schoolgirl is present when the vaccinations are done. A second aim of this month's campaign is to increase the protection of women of childbearing age.

With all this in its favour, why are some parents still suspicious? Partly it must be the clumsy way in which the campaign was sold to doctors, teachers, and parents. The Department of Health has played up the severity of the diseases and played down the risks associated with the vaccine. When MMR was first introduced the same "feel-good" approach was used. One result was that when the entirely predictable handful of children developed brain inflammation because of the vaccine, some parents were scared off and one manufacturer had to withdraw its product. How much more sensible to treat parents as adults; tell them what proportion of sufferers from wild disease suffer either mild, moderate, severe or life-threatening illnesses. Then show them that giving vaccine shifts the proportions dramatically to the mild end of the spectrum. Some children will still have a serious vaccine-related illness — and it is dishonest to pretend otherwise.

Nearly all parents would accept the much-reduced risk and GPs and paediatricians would spend far less time debating the hypothetical dangers of vaccinating a child who had a fever fit six years ago.

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The unified Budget is a mistake

Terence Higgins says MPs need time to debate finances

Changes in the financial procedures of the Commons do not usually make news. But our Parliamentary democracy rests on the historic idea that the executive should not be supplied with cash until grievances have been debated and addressed, and it is now clear that the introduction of the so-called "unified Budget" has seriously eroded Parliament's ability to call the Government to account, particularly with regard to economic policy. It is time to ring alarm bells.

The Armstrong report raised the issue as long ago as 1978, and in 1983 I chaired a procedure committee which set out the opposing arguments in detail. One thing was absolutely clear: no action should be taken until the procedural problems had been solved.

When at last action was proposed, in March 1992, the Government published a White Paper on "Budgetary reform", but it was overtaken by the election and never debated. Despite this, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, announced on Budget day in the spring of 1993 that a unified Budget would be introduced in that autumn.

The lack of procedural consultation and planning proved disastrous. To meet the timetable, the Government found it necessary to guillotine two related Bills in a single day. The Opposition reacted furiously. The "usual channels" between the major parties broke down. Pairing was stopped. The work of the House was disrupted and the operation of select committees was impeded. Normal relations have only been resumed in the last few weeks. It is essential that these problems are not repeated.

The change in the parliamentary programme has seriously eroded the opportunities for Parliament to debate economic policy and taxation. Previously the House had three major opportunities for debate: after the autumn statement, the public expenditure White Paper (after Christmas), and the Budget and Finance Bill in the spring and early summer. The Treasury select committee had corresponding opportunities for in-depth examination of the Chancellor, Governor of the Bank of England and officials.

Now we debate only the Budget and the Finance Bill. It is extraordinary that the Opposition has not complained more vigorously or used the resolution of the recent dispute between the parties to obtain concessions. But the new situation is not only dangerous for the present Opposition. It is a matter of concern for future Oppositions and the Commons as a whole. Action must be taken to restore the time available for parliamentary scrutiny throughout the year.

The changes have been justified on the grounds that a unified Budget would bring together the two sides of the economic equation, taxation and public expenditure. Yet the House of Commons has long discussed taxation and public expenditure together, in the debates on the autumn statement and the Budget. That last autumn the Chancellor announced decisions on both at the same time made no difference to this: it simply restricted the opportunities for debate.

The idea that a unified Budget would enable the House to debate and decide on trade-offs between taxation and public expenditure, in the sense that a proposal to increase public expenditure would be matched by an increase in taxation, is as remote as ever. The rules of the House still allow proposals only to reduce taxation or public expenditure. The House still has no powers to increase either. That power is reserved to the Government.

Or, more accurately, to the Chancellor. For in practice there is no such discussion even within government. The Secretary of State for Health doesn't go to the Chancellor and say "I have to spend an extra £X million on the health service, so you must put another 2p on income tax". It simply doesn't work like that.

> This is not how discussions take place anyway

Decisions on tax are still made exclusively by the Treasury, and public expenditure decisions are made in bi-lateral discussions between the Treasury and the spending departments, or — if no agreement is reached — in Cabinet.

What should be done? Unless we revert to the old timetable, we should at least be sure that the days previously available each year for economic debate are restored and used to debate public expenditure.

The new departmental reports and analyses by individual select committees could provide a firm basis for debates on, say, ten days a year. And the three "estimates days", which are the only opportunities for debates on specific items of public expenditure, should be retained as a useful means of examining some items in detail.

Both the procedure committee and the Treasury committee have long argued that the Finance Bill should be split into one containing economic management proposals — tax changes and so forth — and a Taxes Management Bill, not subject to the time restraints imposed on the Finance Bill. New taxes should be dealt with in separate Bills, with draft clauses being published for consultation before legislation is introduced.

The experience of the past year, which saw an unprecedented level of party bickering and a serious erosion of Parliament's ability to challenge the Executive on the central issue of economic management, must not be repeated. Urgent action is needed to restore the balance.

Sir Terence is Conservative MP for Worthing, and was chairman of the Treasury select committee, 1982-92.



Against gardens

Peace and quiet in the countryside? Your neighbours will see about that

Bernard Levin

There are fairies at the bottom of our garden, but don't worry — I have some very powerful weedkiller that should do for them. Unfortunately, the fairies are the least of my horticultural worries. There is, for instance, an eldrich crone called Maud who is always trying to get me into the garden, no doubt for purposes the very thought of which gives me the shudders, and a notorious poet who insists, without a shred of evidence, that a garden is a lovesome thing.

Worse still, it is claimed by a man with a ridiculous moustache who is always striking military poses (though I am told that there is evidence that he is a closet poofdah), who insists that the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye. Nor does it stop there; blasphemy is involved with another of these green-fingered fanatics, one with the ridiculous name of Bacon, who says that God Almighty first planted a garden. (It came as no surprise to me when I learnt that he had been prosecuted for fiddling his income tax.)

I have before pointed to the inescapable truth that the best thing to do with any garden — I think I went so far as to say not just gardens but the entire countryside — would be to cover it with an even layer of asphalt. I am uneasy in the countryside; I can't sleep with the appalling noise — birds cheeping and squawking, leaves rustling and clattering down, foxes (whatever they might be) stealing the chickens that I am looking forward to — I emerge hollow-eyed and vowing never to go further than Oxford Street or, at a pinch, Piccadilly.

But that is just my problem; what if I told you that so dangerous is the country that raging arguments, lifelong hatreds, lawsuits, violence and bankruptcy are so frequent that inevitably there will be murder done, if it hasn't already?

Over the years, I have chronicled some of those who have ruined themselves, truly ruined themselves, and very many more who have at least become permanently apoplectic; you wouldn't believe the obstinacy with which those who think they are in the right — and of course they all think that they are in the right — defend their certainty. Shakespeare can only shake his head in sad wonder:

> Two thousand souls and twenty thousand ducats
> Will not debate the question of this straw;
> This is the imposthume of much wealth and peace,
> That inward breaks, and shows no cause without
> Why the man dies.

And Shakespeare, begging the disputants to desist, can only go on shaking his head, particularly because in this case the very flower that caused the uproar might have soothed all the anger.

> Come away, come away, death,
> And in sad cypress let me be laid;
> Fly away, fly away, breath;
> I am slain by a fair cruel maid.

And even if they don't die, they come damn close in some cases. Take the story of the cypresses — or to be precise the *Cupressocyparis leylandii*. Translated for my readers, the Latin means that one morning a Mr Michael Jones put a ladder against the hedge of his immediate neighbour, Mr Bernard Stanton, and pruned the *Cupressocyparis leylandii* good and proper.

No, you must not come to the conclusion that Mr Jones is hardly any better than the yobs who let down the tyres of parked cars. Mr Jones is a respectable householder, as is Mr Stanton, and what would seem to be vandalism is actually the last straw: the last straw, that is, that blocked Mr Jones's light. For you must learn that the *Cup ley* (for short) had grown to a height of 35ft, and was plainly intent on going on to the 70ft marker and more.

Well, you say: abrasiveness between neighbours is hardly unique. Even it comes to stopping the Jones children playing with the Stanton children, the world will probably not come to an end. So what is so different this time?

Oh, you cynics: you knew what I was coming to: yes, they went to court, and by the time they had finished they were, between them, £40,000 lighter. All together now: "You have never seen a fat litigant or a thin laywer." Or, as Mr Jones said when it was all over (if it ever will be): "It is absolutely ridiculous that all this has happened over a hedge."

Yes, you say, it was ridiculous; but I have to tell you that you have got the wrong tense. It *is* ridiculous, because the defeated Mr Stanton has announced that he is going to return to the court, demanding £32,000 for — as he claims — the mutilation of his trees by Mr Jones.

I make light of all this, for if I did not I would very soon be as mad as the contestants, but reading more deeply in the story, I have to say that the level of hatred displayed gave me the shivers. Indeed, at one point in the story, physical violence was employed and ended in the dock with a fine.

Yes, again I know what you are going to say: how can ordinary human beings fail to realise that they are not only making monumental fools of themselves, but shortening their lives — for be assured that hatred eats away the fabric of the soul, as love restores it. Well, there was little love in the story of the tree-house in Wallington — the very last suburb, I should think, to be found mixed up with visits from the council and discarded rubbish, together with eyesores and noisy parties. But so it is; and all for love of a children's tree-house.

Neighbours, neighbours; who invented neighbours? I don't know, but I do know that in the United States it is usual to have no hedge or any other kind of divider between homeowners, and as far as I know there are *fewer* disputations over whose side of the lawn is which.

The disputed tree-house had first belonged to the son of the house, but when he grew out of it, it passed into the hands of his young sister. Then the trouble started. The tree-house, said the neighbours, was an eyesore; nay, it blocked the light. Worse: when the neighbours went out on their own lawn to sunbathe they feared that they were overlooked. Yet worse: dreadful claims are made — about sweet-papers and such, and even some discarded tin cans. (And at one terrible moment it was found that the can was *a beer-can*. In *Wallington!*)

Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set; the Sutton Borough Council, no less, served an enforcement order on the tree-house and its owners, but the owner presented a very cunning stymie. He said that the tree-house was a lawful structure which did not need planning consent, so there. Back came the council: if it is lawful it must have a certificate of lawfulness, so *there*. (A disturbing thought breaks through: should not you and I be getting certificates of lawfulness? What if some busybody comes up to us and asks whether we are lawful? How could we prove it? Mr Jones was asked by the council for £60, as the price of the certificate of lawfulness, and refused to pay. I am sure that we would pay, but what happens if we lose our certificates, and can't prove we ever had them? This business must be gone into.)

If we live long enough, we may see the final outcome of the tree-house saga. But if we do, we shall find all around us nothing but the detritus of obstinacy. So far, there have been no statements as to how much the tree-house story cost its owner (more likely, *is going* to cost its owner). But even now we can predict the cost of the story in Fool's Gold: it is everything. And how much will the owner get? Nothing.

Have you got a few days to spare next month? I ask — but what's the point of asking, when you have the real thing. For the real thing is:

> A girl's noisy pet rabbits have landed her mother in court after neighbours claimed that the creatures' mating kept them awake.
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> Ernest Haskins, 60, and his wife Frances, of Acomb, York, complained that they had to move bedroom because of the "persistent scratching, thumping and banging" of Smudge, Liquorice and Bobby, 11-year-old Amy Hartley's pets. Mr Haskins said: "You would never imagine three rabbits could make so much noise."
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> Amy's mother Joyce will face York magistrates next month in a private prosecution brought by Mr and Mrs Haskins, alleging nuisance caused by the rabbits.

My bet is that the rabbits will be fined.

Trouble in the pipeline

Philip Bassett on exorbitant executive pay

Few issues make business leaders wriggle so much as their own pay rises. But the sheer scale and appalling timing of the salary increases of up to 75 per cent for senior British Gas executives sent industry spokesmen to ground yesterday. Hardly surprising: only last week the Prime Minister had issued his latest stern and apparently quite ineffective warning about huge pay rises for company directors, saying there was "no doubting the resentment that large and often unjustified pay rises can cause".

At a time when ministers and business leaders are hoisting economic warning signs because pay rises generally are creeping up from about 2 to nearer 3 per cent, a rise of 75 per cent, taking British Gas's chief executive, Cedric Brown, to £475,000 a year, will prompt hollow laughs around negotiating tables.

And while there is probably never a good time to announce such brazen executive rises, the timing yesterday was astounding. British Gas last week announced price rises of 2.9 per cent, which will hit the worst-off hardest. Parliament will shortly begin to consider a new gas Bill, which aims finally to break British Gas's effective monopoly in household supplies.

The House of Commons was discussing industry yesterday in the Queen's Speech debate, and sharper Labour MPs lost no opportunity to attack the Government over the salary rises. Tony Blair had already raised the stakes on pay by declaring his intention not to accept an automatic pay rise of 4.7 per cent because that — let alone 75 per cent — was too high.

The days of the 1986 "Tell Sid" campaign to sell off the gas industry are far gone; privatisation as a political and economic idea is now more questioned than it has been for 15 years. While consumers accept that privatised utility companies such as BT and British Gas are more efficient and, mostly, more customer-friendly, the long string of very high pay rises that the senior executives of the former nationalised industries have awarded themselves have gone a long way towards wiping out this impression of improvement. The services may be better, but when most people think of the utility companies now, they think of nests being very comfortably feathered.

Many people are suspicious about the way company directors' pay is set; many believe that there is a closed circle of non-executive directors, who fix rises for one another on different company boards. The argument that such salaries are necessary to recruit and retain high-calibre staff in world-class competitive companies is hard to sustain, given that most of British Gas's business is still in Britain, and when Cedric Brown has worked for the company and its forerunners since 1951.

Such comparisons tend always to be with high-paying countries such as the United States, rather than with countries like Japan, where executive pay is considerably lower, relative to average earnings.

One of the arguments about executive pay is clearly right: no matter what the executives' pay levels, the figures are minute when set against the overall pay bill. In British Gas's case, for instance, the total remuneration to board members last year amounted to only 0.1 per cent of the total salary bill. But corporate executives and ministers know that the importance of such huge rises has little to do with their actual cost. Gas industry unions, who will meet the company early next month to talk about pay, have already begun to increase their own wage claims, which are now likely to command public support.

Conservatives generally find it awkward to attack big business, but the size of the British Gas rises yesterday seemed to release many backbench Tories from any such inhibition. Labour, meanwhile, has been seeking to woo business leaders, and will therefore be chary about offending the boardroom. Yet for Labour the political risks are limited. With the leak yesterday of Conservative Party research showing that most Tory supporters do not believe the recession is over for them, attacking fat cats who are courting obesity should be electorally popular.

The Government's difficulty, apparent from the disbelief with which the Prime Minister's statement was received, is that the Conservatives have made a virtue out of devolving pay bargaining, removing themselves from wage settlements in the private sector, and leaving pay to the market. This is fine as a point of economic theory, but when the market starts throwing up politically unacceptable pay rises, embarrassment is inevitable.

So too is repetition. The British Gas rises are only the latest large boardroom salary increases: not the largest, and certainly not the last. Labour wants the utility regulators to decide executive pay based on value for money for shareholders. While the Government is unlikely to accept this, ministers were yesterday wishing that they had something to get them off not just the British Gas hook, but the hooks on which they are sure to be seen wriggling in future.

Top table talk

A SHARP INTAKE of breath was heard on the top table at Hertford College, Oxford, when *The Times* landed yesterday carrying an exclusive story about the personal problems of our man at the United Nations, Marrack Goulding. For Goulding, who is currently the UN's Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs, missed becoming Hertford's new Principal by just a whisker.

The tussle for the post was tough, I am told. In the final stretch, it was between Goulding, who took a first degree at Magdalen, and the well-loved Angus Macintyre. The contest was finally won by Macintyre, a Hertford graduate and presently tutor in modern history at Magdalen.

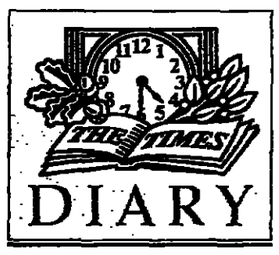
The candidacy of Goulding, known as "Mig" at school and "the headmaster" at the UN, was so discreet that many academics were surprised, given his seniority at the UN, to find that he had even put his name forward. "It was news to many of us. But some people are probably rather relieved now that he did not get it," admits one don. Peter Baker, Hertford's tactful bursar, insists that applicants' wives "are not an intrinsic part of the selection process" in any case.

● *After Albert, Ireland has Bertie. Fianna Fail's new leader disclosed yesterday how he came upon such an unpretentious Christian name. He was christened Bartholomew Ahern. "I've never used Bartholomew," he confided. "It took me too long learning how to spell it."*

Bruce again

THE TORIES have picked a real toff, I learn, to assault the Lib Dem seat of North East Fife. The Hon





Adam Bruce, 26, son of the Earl of Elgin and famous at Oxford for his vibrant garb, may be a political deb, but his ancestry is formidable.

"My great-grandfather, Victor Elgin, was Colonial Secretary in 1906 when Winston Churchill was his Under Secretary," he says, "but my favourite ancestor is great-great-uncle Robert Bruce. He successfully stood for the same seat when he too was 26 — although that was as a Liberal."

Still meddling

TIM CLIFFORD, the self-aggrandising director of the National Galleries of Scotland, may have excelled himself this time. He has commissioned the sculptor Sir Eduardo Paolozzi to design a medal for the galleries' trustees on The Mound. The medals, Clifford declares, will "formally identify them as trustees . . . they'll be able to use it to get into exhibitions free and other things that trustees do".

Clifford's previous schemes include claret-coloured wallpaper and kilts for himself and tartan trews for his staff. There was also his *faux pas* over Canova's *The Three Graces*, when he was forced to retract a suggestion that John Paul Getty's £1 million offer was motivated by a grudge.

Sir Roy Strong, a former V&A director for whom Clifford once worked as assistant keeper of ceramics, sighs: "He would do this, wouldn't he? He's clearly entering the 'mirror mirror on the wall' stage."

Our dog in

MINISTERS are receiving poignant pleas over the quarantine laws, I hear, from our dog-loving diplomats.

Few could be more desperate than Mike Reynolds, a counsellor at our Berlin Embassy, who is due home next spring. In a *cri de coeur* to William Waldegrave and John Gummer, Reynolds moans that his beloved labrador Soie, 13, may not survive another stint in quarantine.

"We're faced with the dilemma of having to put her down or take a chance," begs Reynolds. "She has long had a 'doggie passport'."





Oxford diners: Elizabeth Taylor and John Betjeman

● *Given the brotherly love between Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, it's only fitting that the shadow Chancellor should appoint Ed Milliband to his private office. For his brother, David Milliband, is the Labour leader's policy adviser.*

Ox tale

JOHN BETJEMAN may have waxed lyrical about an Oxford college dinner, in *Summoned by Bells*, but the university is not remarkable for its cuisine. However, the Ashmolean and the Bodleian are collaborating on an anthology of college recipes, to be published next spring. Red meat and sticky puddings dominate, but one rather more *nouveau* offering — chive mousse — once so delighted Elizabeth Taylor, at a Merton dinner with Neville Coghill, that she requested the recipe.

Ingredients: 1 pint white sauce; ½ pint double cream; 3 oz chives; 2oz finely chopped shallots; two ths Worcestershire sauce; 4oz. minced hard-boiled egg; four leaves of gelatine; seasoning. Add softened gelatine, Worcestershire sauce and seasoning to white sauce and beat. Add chives, shallots and eggs, then gently fold in cream. Pour into soufflé dish and set in refrigerator.

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THE MAPLES MEDICINE

The Tory party may one day thank its honest servant

Only a few weeks ago the chief task for John Maples, the deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, was to clear up the trouble caused by the incautious remarks of his boss, Jeremy Hanley. Yesterday the roles were reversed. It was Mr Hanley who had to tour the television studios trying to explain Mr Maples's own rash language and to smooth over the latest cracks in the Government's facade.

This comic symmetry produced many a smile in Westminster last night. The laughter should not, however, conceal important differences between the two men's style of gaffe. When Mr Hanley ran into trouble, it was through his lack of care and thought — on the exchange rate, on devolution and on the Prime Minister's "yob culture" edict. Mr Maples, by contrast, was in trouble yesterday because he had thought too much, uncovered too many unwelcome truths, and put down in writing what, according to older political hands, should have been reserved for the Prime Minister's innermost ear.

The short-term result was the same for both men: red faces and embarrassment all round. The Maples memo puts sharp weapons in the hands of the Opposition. "The best result for the next 12 months would be zero media coverage of the National Health Service," he wrote: "we can never win on this issue." As for that famous "yob culture", he recommended setting "a few yobbos of our own" onto Tony Blair "to try to knock him about a bit". Such a course would almost certainly bring disaster. So too would Mr Maples's proposal to delay the second instalment of VAT on fuel. This may be unpopular but it is necessary. To retreat would look not just reactive but disastrously weak. If the Chancellor wants to put money in voters' pockets between now and the next election, there are more sensible ways of doing it.

In the longer term, however, the Tory party may feel more grateful to Mr Maples than it does today. The deputy chairman was right to point out that his Cabinet colleagues' speeches did not square with the experience of ordinary voters. Indeed, by setting out his real views about the performance of the Government rather than the emollient dissembling normally on display, Mr Maples has illustrated in deeds exactly the discrepancy he was trying to describe in words.

Mr Maples has drawn attention to the depths of anger in the country about the Government's performance. The groups of former Conservative supporters to whom his researchers spoke showed a sense of middle-class insecurity and powerlessness for which ministers have not yet found a response. Telling voters that they are wrong — that there is no reason to worry because all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds — inflames their bitterness and exacerbates the Conservatives' unpopularity. Insulting people's intelligence is hardly the best way to win popular support. It is not surprising that among these groups the Tories were seen as out of touch, lying, uncaring and patronising.

If Mr Maples succeeds in teaching his colleagues a lesson, it will be that their politics needs a new frame of reference. Ministers currently judge their success by the fluency with which they manage to deflect criticism on the *Today* programme. Mr Maples is particularly skilful at that himself. But their performances seem increasingly insincere and dishonest. Ministers need to acknowledge the concerns of voters before they can address those anxieties. A little dose of honesty, mixed with a judicious dollop of contrition, would go some way towards winning back the respect of former Conservative supporters. If such an offer is not forthcoming, the middle classes will see no reason to end their love affair with Labour.

LISTEN TO MUBARAK

The Egyptian president brings a timely message to London

Hosni Mubarak, President of Egypt, is a man who speaks his mind. He has done so on his present visit to Britain, and he did so last week in an interview with *The Times*. His message is a stark one: delays in financial assistance to Yassir Arafat's Palestinian authority will provoke more violent opposition in the Gaza Strip.

Mr Mubarak, who is mired in a conflict of his own with radical Islamic opposition in Egypt, is well placed to draw urgent attention to Gaza. Not only is the area of Palestinian self-rule in his "near abroad", it is also an initiative in which he has invested his own diplomatic capital. As the leader of the first Arab state to make peace with Israel, he would be entitled to treat the success of the peace accords between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation as an historic vindication of Camp David.

He is entitled, equally, to criticise the participants in the process for any failure. The internecine conflict which erupted last week in Gaza — when the Palestinian police shot dead a number of demonstrators — has goaded Mr Mubarak into calling for aid on a "war footing". He is likely to repeat his call in Brussels at the end of the month, when potential donors will assemble once more to resolve those issues which still stand in the way of the provision of funds. After the Declaration of Principles was signed at the White House last September, nearly $2.5 billion was pledged over five years in aid to Mr Arafat's Palestinian authority: the European Union, Japan and the United States promised $500 million each; Norway offered $150 million, Saudi Arabia $100 million and Italy $80 million. Less than $100 million has been delivered to date.

Yet even these figures are misleading, for they pertain to money tied to the implementation of projects, such as the construction of housing, the improvement of port facilities, the starting of factories and the building of roads. Money for these projects is required — and urgently. But assistance is required most pressingly for "start-up" — or recurrent — costs. For these the donors have made virtually no provision. Mr Arafat needs money to create, and pay for, an administrative infrastructure. Members of the Palestinian police and civil bureaucracy have not been paid since October 1; and the Palestinian authority has already run up a debt approaching $150 million.

The already scant enthusiasm of donors to provide "start-up" aid — which, unlike aid tied to projects, provides only a political dividend in return — is not nourished by the continuing inability of Mr Arafat to rationalise his administration. The Palestinian authority has not one but three bodies which vie with each other as actuarial centres: the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (Pecdar), under Abu Ala; the Ministry for Economic Planning, under Nabil Shaath; and the Ministry of Finance, under Mohammed Nashashibi. Not only is the role of each ill-defined, but the heads are also in conflict.

Unsurprisingly, this has not inspired donors with confidence: they would prefer to deal with a single, accountable ministry. It is Israel, ironically, which is pushing donors hardest for a lenient reading of the Palestinian financial map: this is, on balance, the right reading. Israel can also count on Egypt's support, as the leaders of both countries share a common perception of the acute needs of Gaza. It is Mr Arafat's turn, now, to help the donors help Gaza

THE NOISE NUISANCE

To become civil, society must be retrained to put a sock in it

Noise can be defined as any unwanted sound. It is sound at the wrong time and the wrong place. Noise is what other people, especially the neighbours, make. One man's music or party can be another man's torment. The Whitehall taskforce set up to consider noise pollution should accordingly hasten to report, and the debate about how far the State should intervene to make people live together as good citizens in peace and quiet should start in earnest.

Reports of unhardened country-dwellers being kept awake by roosters crowing, rabbits mating or bell-ringers practising raise a smile, for those out of earshot. But the nuisance of noise is no joke. It is widespread and causes more stress than other frustrations because the remedies are laborious and generally ineffectual. Complaints about noise from domestic premises received by the tiny band of environmental health officers have tripled in the past ten years to about 90,000 a year. In the past 18 months there have been 17 deaths linked to disputes about noise. But the procedures for getting an abatement notice take so much time and trouble that most victims of noise block their ears, and suffer in (their own) silence.

Man has always been a noisy creature, especially when packed into cities. A modern Rip Van Winkle, would be woken from a century's sleep not by urban noise, but by its stridency. Technology has made it possible for the press of a button to amplify as much din as a thousand hawkers shouting at once.

The Advertising Standards Authority should condemn irresponsible manufacturers who sell the loudness of their equipment as an attraction. Pressure from housebuyers will eventually force the reluctant building industry and surveyors to introduce and take account of higher standards of noise insulation. A Scottish pilot scheme has made excessive noise a criminal offence instead of the civil offence of nuisance dating back to Anglo-Saxon common law that it is in England and Wales: The Scottish law simply allows the police to ask someone they judge to be an excessive noise-maker to stop. If he refuses, he commits an offence, and becomes liable to a fine and the confiscation of his equipment.

Criminal offences should not be multiplied without proof that they are both necessary and likely to be effective. Quicker and simpler remedies to resolve noise problems between neighbours may have to include a new statutory offence. But a change in civic culture will be as important as any changes in the law. Drunken driving has been made unacceptable by gradual education in good citizenship as much as by the criminal law, and the wearing of seatbelts has been turned by changes in attitudes into plain motoring sense. Leaving litter is now condemned as a social misdemeanour by public disapproval as much as by any local and unenforced bylaws. Public opinion and the law may both be needed to reduce the modern menace of antisocial noise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trade, aid and the cost of Pergau

From Mr A. K. Goldsmith

Sir, One of the central features of the Government's Aid and Trade Provision (letters, November 17) is that the *extra work which it generates for* British companies — normally based, incidentally, on soft loans to the developing countries concerned, not grants — provides business for thousands of British suppliers and subcontractors throughout the country.

ATP has so far involved more than 270 projects in over 50 countries; one recent project alone, the Rihand power station in India, brought work to over 2,500 UK companies. But the ATP accounts for only 5 per cent of the Overseas Development Administration (*ODA*) budget, and is operated under very restrictive guidelines. All our major competitors operate similar schemes, usually larger and less transparent.

Any illusions which may exist that infrastructure projects fail to reduce Third World poverty are not shared by the developing countries themselves; *they devote a fifth of their total* investment to new infrastructure.

According to a recent World Bank report, "infrastructure can deliver major benefits in economic growth, poverty alleviation, and environmental sustainability", provided, of course, that "it provides services that respond to effective demand and does *so efficiently*". *British contractors are* particularly well placed to provide services of this kind.

Yours sincerely,
ALICK GOLDSMITH
(Director General),
The Export Group for the Constructional Industries,
Kingsbury House,
15-17 King Street, St James's, SW1.
November 17.

From Mr Roger Briottet

Sir, Mr Peter McGregor's claim (letter, November 16) that the Pergau dam was economic is not borne out by the evidence which the ODA itself gave to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

In April 1989 the ODA economist reported that "Pergau was no longer a *marginal project: clearly it was now* uneconomic and this was accepted by one of the representatives of the Consortium".

A joint ODA/DTI mission concluded in September 1990 that as a peak-load station Pergau was not *justified until 2005. Proceeding earlier* would result in a cost penalty to Malaysian electricity consumers of around £90 million.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER BRIOTTET (Director),
World Development Movement,
25 Beehive Place, SW9.
November 17.

From Mr George Plint

Sir, We think nothing of spending a fortune to counter a military threat, direct or indirect, to our perceived interests. We have been more than prepared to go to war to defend barren islands and bits of desert. We do not seem to think it important to spend money to protect our diminishing *share of world trade in manufactured* goods, against a threat just as real as hostile tank divisions.

We should emulate our competitors and be less sanctimonious about aid and trade. The example of £65 million of aid helping to secure £6 billion of arms sales to Indonesia (letter, November 16) would seem to be a very *small "marketing" investment* in order to secure British manufacturing jobs.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE PLINT,
Plint & Partners Ltd,
Oaklands Park,
Wokingham, Berkshire.
November 17.

From Mr Michael Butler

Sir, Why all the "breast-beating" over the question of linking aid to trade? I *am presently working under assis*tance programmes in Eastern Europe, where we are not, in my view, obtaining our fair share of the trade.

One of the reasons is that we are not aggressive enough and are unwilling to indulge in some of the linking *practices employed by others. What is* wrong with offering financial assistance to a country in return for the purchase by that country of British goods and services?

Yours respectfully,
MICHAEL BUTLER,
26 Bens Acre,
Horsham, West Sussex.

Erring ministers

From Mr Bernard A. Webb

Sir, Since both the Home Secretary (report, November 10) and the Foreign Secretary (November 11) have been judged by the Court of Appeal and the High Court respectively to have acted *unlawfully in their respective spheres*, is it not reasonable to ask what will be their punishment?

Ministers, more than mere mortals, are expected to uphold the rule of law. Since neither gentleman has shown any sign of an intention to resign office, is it not incumbent upon the Prime Minister to exert his authority?

Yours faithfully,
B. A. WEBB,
Reichensteinerstrasse 42/4,
4053 Basel, Switzerland.
November 15.

Herbal medicines and safety factor

From Mr Andrew Chevallier

Sir, It seems that herbal medicine cannot win at the moment (Jeremy Laurance's article, "Natural and green doesn't mean safe", Body and Mind, *November 15). First, we are faced with* the loss of our legal status, due to the Government trying to implement EC directives which do not apply to herbal medicine; and then, when the Government acknowledges that our view is right, we are accused of offering an *unregulated and unsafe area of medi*cine.

Dr Simon Wesseley is quoted as saying that if herbs "work they must be drugs, and if they are drugs they must have side-effects". Obviously, he has never come across camomile, a well known, well researched herb with scientifically established therapeutic *benefits and no known side-effects.*

Herbal medicines are *not* the same as most pharmaceutical medicines: they are not isolated chemicals synthesised in laboratories, but complex dilute mixtures of naturally occurring chemicals. This is one reason why *herbal medicines such as garlic* can have a demonstrably powerful antibiotic effect without causing the side-effects so common to conventional antibiotic treatment.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW CHEVALLIER
(President, National Institute of Medical Herbalists Ltd),
56 Brighton Road,
Stoke Newington, N16.
November 15.

From Mrs Anne Baring

Sir, Dr Simon Wesseley's reported desire for academic control of research into herbal medicines (in the ostensible interests of safety) suggests that *authoritarianism is still with us: no* member of society can exercise his or her right to choose between different approaches to healing without the permission of a small but powerful clique.

To attempt to destroy a method of *treating illness which many people* use and value is blatantly totalitarian. One usually looks in vain for maturity, balance and a humble awareness of human needs and limitation. Fortunately, in this case, the Government has responded to public opinion.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE BARING,
White Lodge, Grange Park,
Northington, Alresford, Hampshire.
November 16.

From Ms Christine Steward

Sir, Why the obsession with licensing? *A medicines licence doesn't make a* medicine safe — if it did there would not be thousands of people occupying hospital beds suffering from serious side-effects caused by licensed pharmaceutical drugs prescribed by the medical profession.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS STEWARD,
The Old School House,
Whitbourne, Worcester.
November 16.

Trial and error on the Tory ladder

From Sir David Crouch

Sir, Your leader today, "Inside the workshop", was an interesting comment on the changing scene of a life in politics.

Thirty years ago, when I was trying to get into Parliament, the pay of an MP was £3,000 a year, with no expenses apart from travel to and from Westminster. I was prepared to give up a secure job in industry, having been persuaded by Conservative Central Office that I was what the party needed — someone with working experience in industry. And I wanted to be in Parliament.

I was duly shortlisted for a safe seat in Surrey and was declared to be the clear favourite. But like so many clear favourites I let my backers down and fell at the last fence.

I was challenged by a stern-faced lady on the selection committee. "I see you are a manager in ICI," she said. "What are you going to do about that?" It was then that I made my fatal mistake. "I will resign," I said. "I intend to be a professional politician."

Central Office telephoned me the next day: "That word 'professional' finished you!" Times have changed. Selection committees should be careful with their questions; and candidates should be careful, too, with their answers.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CROUCH,
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.
November 16.

Veterans' pensions

From Mrs Geoffrey Ade

Sir, There must be at least a quarter of a million war veterans who should *have been receiving war disability* pensions for a long time past but are *not doing so because they are unaware* of their entitlement. Ex-service charities have endeavoured to reach these people for a number of years, but they remain hard to track down.

Would it not be appropriate for the many charities concerned to band together and carry out a nationwide campaign to reach these people?

Experience has shown that the most effective and simplest way to do this would be to distribute informative leaflets to all households, and to provide a helpline. A nationwide campaign should cost not more than £900,000 — £661,500 for distribution by the Royal Mail (£27 per 1,000 for 24½ million households) plus, say, £200,000 for the leaflets, and for administration.

Commemorative parades and services remind us of the sacrifices of those who fought. First, however, we *should do everything we can to ensure* that all those who are still suffering as *a result of their service receive the war* disability pensions due to them.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICIA ADE (Chair,
Clwyd, Dyfed, Powys and Gwynedd War Pensions Committee),
Montcalm, Lon Isallt,
Trearddur Bay, Anglesey, Gwynedd.

Trade marks reform

From Mr Christopher Morcom, QC

Sir, The choice of "Trade marks trap" to head your correspondence concerning the Trade Marks Act 1994 (November 7, 14, 17) diminishes the positive nature of the reforms which have been made by the Act.

The most fundamental change is shifting the emphasis from common law *action for passing-off* to the protection of marks by registration, which has become considerably easier and more effective. The risks of failing to register trade marks has undoubtedly increased.

The common law certainly created traps for some. However, if trade mark owners are diligent in taking *advantage of the new opportunities* open to them, the register of trade marks will in future become a much more reliable guide for traders as to what rights are claimed by others.

Another long overdue reform in the Act is the protection which it provides *for well-known trade marks of traders* from other countries, thereby meeting one of our outstanding obligations under the Paris Convention of 1883. All in all, Britain's international standing in the matter of trade mark protection has been greatly enhanced by the new Act.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MORCOM,
1 Essex Court, Temple, EC4.

Traffic in Oxford

From Mr Roger Williams

Sir, I wonder what quality of public transport in Oxford would be needed to persuade Mr Chris Dale (letter, November 16) out of his car?

Oxford has very frequent buses on all routes into the city as a result of *strong competition between bus com*panies. It also has priority bus lanes *and the most extensive "park and* ride" system in the country. As a result, more than one third of people now travel to the centre of Oxford by public transport, and consequently traffic has not increased for over 20 years.

Certainly there is no evidence that this approach to dealing with traffic *has threatened the vitality of the* centre. Indeed, major commercial interests support plans for further restrictions on cars.

Perhaps whilst Mr Dale waits in his car for the elusive parking space, "warm and dry" (presumably with the *engine running), he might ponder on* why there is so much concern in Oxford about fumes and air pollution.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER WILLIAMS
(Chief Transport Planner),
Oxfordshire County Council,
Department of Planning and Property Services,
County Hall, New Road, Oxford.
November 18.

Bygone railways

From Mr B. D. J. Walsh

Sir, In "On This Day" (November 14), you correctly state that the London extension of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (subsequently *the Great Central Railway*) was never a shareholder's delight. *Indeed, the MS&L, in its later days,* was nicknamed "Money Sunk & Lost", while after it became the Great Central, it was "Gone Completely". The company never paid a dividend on its ordinary stock from 1899 until it was merged in the new LNER in 1923.

It was singularly appropriate that you published this item on the very day of the opening of public rail traffic through the Channel Tunnel because Sir Edward Watkin, chairman of the MS&LR from 1864, not only promoted that company's extension to London, but also formed the Submarine Continental Railway Company.

*The company's object was to con*struct a Channel tunnel, and in fact it *built the first 1,900 yards of the* proposed tunnel under the sea for *demonstration purposes.* However, despite persistent efforts over many years, Sir Edward was unable to persuade Parliament to sanction the scheme, although he continued his attempts until failing health compelled him to resign his chairmanships in 1894.

Yours faithfully,
B. D. J. WALSH (President,
The Railway Club, 1982-94),
The Old Rectory,
Burgate, Diss, Norfolk.
November 16.

Airport tax

From Ms Heather Massie

Sir, In his letter about air passenger duty (November 17) Dr Robert M. Bruce-Chwatt points out an apparent anomaly in the tax. May I reassure *him that no such anomaly exists.*

Air passenger duty is charged only on flights which depart from UK airports. No duty is charged on the return leg from Paris to London, regardless of the airport of re-entry. So, Heathrow-Charles de Gaulle-Heathrow and Heathrow-Charles de Gaulle-Gatwick both attract only £5 duty.

We are aware of a number of instances where airlines have told passengers that £10 duty is payable. This is incorrect and we have taken it up with them.

Although it is up to airlines to decide by how much they increase their fares to cover the introduction of *air passenger duty, I can assure Dr* Bruce-Chwatt that we will only expect *airlines to pay £5 duty to us in these* circumstances.

Yours faithfully,
HEATHER MASSIE
(*Assistant Secretary*),
Revenue Duties Division,
HM Customs and Excise,
Ralli Quays, 3 Stanley Street,
Salford, Greater Manchester.
November 18.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Versions of Wagner

From Dr Roger Gard

Sir, Rodney Milnes (Arts, November 16) demands of *Ring* productions: "What do audiences want?" (see also letters, November 17).

I can answer Mr Milnes: they want performances which aren't insulted, bothered and botched by somebody's shallow, bright ideas. They want Wagner, not some self-regarding stage person's interpretation of him. They want such people to stand down *and shut up — to have some humility.*

It isn't necessary to have "a literal representation" — a plain, or even austere production, such as Wieland Wagner's ones in the 1950s, are fine, given the retention of essential props (sword, spear, tree, helmet, etc). But, on that point, why does Mr Milnes feel free to be so blandly dismissive of a part of Wagner?

What gives him the right to refer to the stage directions as "fatuous today"? Perhaps he should consider writing "a literal representation" of 19th-century music and libretto that would sound "fatuous today" — and ask himself why he couldn't.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER GARD,
Maiden Newton House,
Nr Dorchester, Dorset.

Changing parties

From Mr Bernard Black

Sir, Your obituary of Humphry Berkeley (November 16) states that "he was ... *probably the only postwar* politician to have fought elections for three separate parties". John Horam, who was elected Labour MP for Gateshead West in 1970 and contested Newcastle Central for the SDP in 1983, joined the Conservative Party in *1987 and is now MP for Orpington.*

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD BLACK
(Head of Political Studies),
St John's College,
Southsea, Hampshire.

Medal muddle

From Councillor Norman J. Hazell

Sir, Your Diary of November 19 told of the "near impossibility" of an *Admiral of the Fleet, chosen by Lady* Thatcher for use in her coat of arms, being entitled to four rows of decorations. That report, backed by several authorities, appeared on page 20, yet on page 23 we find the obituary, not of an admiral, but of Captain Barry Anderson, CBE, *who served in the Sec*ond World War. The photograph clearly shows four rows of medal ribbons.

Yours sincerely,
NORMAN J. HAZELL
(Leader, Conservative Group),
City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council,
Town Hall, Wood Street,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Unhealthy wallets

From Mr Alastair Macintyre

Sir, I picked up a leaflet entitled "*Know your banknotes*" in my bank this morning. It explains how to *distinguish between real and counter*feit notes. Its publication by the Bank of England clearly acknowledges the amount of forgeries in circulation.

It is a function of government to ensure sound money: instead, they shower us with nonsense about "healthy" eating (report, November 11). The dud £20 note I took in my shop last week had a more deleterious effect on my health than the stiff drink I had *as consolation.*

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR MACINTYRE,
2/4 Broad Street, Boxford, Suffolk.
November 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 21: The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak visited The Queen this afternoon.

Her Majesty, Patron, this evening attended the Royal Film Performance of "Miracle on 34th Street" in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, London WC2.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Simon Gimson and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester for Portugal and bade farewell to Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of Her Majesty.

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Kenya and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 21: The Princess Royal left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening to visit South Africa and Mozambique.

The following were present and took leave of Her Royal Highness: the Ambassador of the Republic of Mozambique (His Excellency Mr Armando Panguene), Mr David Cloete (Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of South Africa), Mr Jeremy Jasper (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Sir Francis Kennedy (Special Adviser to the Chairman, British Airways) and Mrs Sonia Dixon (Special Facilities Officer, Heathrow Airport Limited).

Lady Carew Pole, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs and Miss Penelope Russell-Smith are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 21: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon departed from Heathrow Airport to carry out engagements in Lisbon, Portugal.

Upon arrival at Heathrow Airport Their Royal Highnesses were received by Mr Francisco Xavier Esteves (Minister Counsellor of the Portuguese Embassy), Sir Roger Hervey (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr Jock Lowe (British Airways Director of Flight Operations).

Mrs Michael Wigley and Major Nicholas Barne are in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 21: The Duke of Kent, this afternoon presented the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts' Arthur Andersen Awards, the Royal National Theatre, Upper Ground, London SE1.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, was this morning presented with a cheque in aid of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund by Batley's plc at York House, St James's Palace, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Dragoon Guards, this afternoon received Major-General Patrick Brooking, Colonel of the Regiment.

On November 18, when The Queen visited the Town Hall, High Wycombe, she was received by the Mayor of High Wycombe (Councillor Mrs Lesley Clarke) and the Chairman, Thames Valley Partnership (Lady Popplewell), and not as incorrectly described in *The Times* on Saturday. We regret the error.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince's Trusts, will hold a reception at Sandringham House at 6.30 in aid of the Norfolk Prince's Trusts Appeal.

Princess Margaret, as Master of the Bench, will dine with the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn on Grand Day 7.10.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Tree Council, will attend a luncheon at the House of Lords to mark the eve of National Tree Week at 12.30; and as Liveryman of the Salters' Company, will attend a dinner at Salters' Hall at 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the International Social Service of the United Kingdom, will attend a coffee morning at Lancaster House at 11.15.

Princess Alexandra will attend the St Cecilia's Day Concert to be given by the Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, at 7.35.

Admiral Sir John Hamilton

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Admiral Sir John Hamilton, GBE, CB, will be held at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields at 3.15pm on Wednesday, January 25, 1995. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets not later than December 9, 1994, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to: Ministry of Defence, NPSEC 2B, Room 222, Victory Building, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, PO1 3LS.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak. The other guests were:
Mr Safwat Al-Sherif, Mr Amre Moussa, Dr Atef Mohamed Ebeid, Mr Omar Soliman, Dr Zakaria Azmy, the Ambassador of Egypt and Mrs Shaker, Dr Mohamed Attia, Mr Gamal El-Din Abdel Aziz, Ambassador Dr Reda Shehata, Mr Gamal Mubarak, Dr Mamdouh Shawky, the Hon Douglas Hogg, MP, and Mrs Hogg, Mr Tim Eggar, MP, and Mrs Eggar, the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, Baroness Perry of Southwark and Mr George Perry, General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billière, Sir Alan Munro, Sir James and Lady Adams, Professor Sir Magdi and Lady Yacoub, Mr Ates El-Ghamry, Mr Roger Stott, MP, Mr and Mrs Andrew Buxton, Mr and Mrs John Hill, Professor and Mrs Kevin Boyle, Dr and Mrs Farhan Nizami, Mr and Mrs David Bell, Dr and Mrs Mark Horton, Mr and Mrs David Kell, Mr Christopher Long and Mr and Mrs Roderic Lyne.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Crown Prince of Jordan.

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at 19 Lord North Street in honour of Mrs Anson Chan, Chief Secretary of Hong Kong.

City Women's Network
Mrs Jacqui Lait, MP, hosted a luncheon yesterday for members of City Women's Network at the House of Commons. Mrs Alison Thorne, Chairman, also spoke.

Dinners

Corporation of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests at a dinner given by the Corporation of London at the Mansion House last night to mark the centenary of the City of London School for Girls. Among those present were:
Lady France (headmistress) and Sir Christopher France, Lord and Lady Griffiths of Fforestfach, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, members of the board of governors, members of staff, old girls and pupils of the school, and Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

Heads of Mission
Senhora Dos Santos, First Lady of Angola, was the international guest at the annual Heads of Mission concert-dinner held last night at Le Meridien, Piccadilly. The Ambassador of Angola and Senhora Da Costa Fernandes, the High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda and Mrs Thomas, the Ambassador of Ukraine and Mrs Komisarenko and the Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society were the hosts. Mr Anthony Figgis, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, was the guest of honour and Mr Olexander Savchenko of the Ukraine was the guest speaker. The Apostolic Nuncio, Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps were among the guests.

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee
Mrs Anne Campbell, MP, was the host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons after a meeting of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee. Professor Brian Heap, Director of the Babraham Institute, and Professor John Krebs, Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Council, were the speakers at the meeting.

Chatham Dining Club
Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr James Hollond was in the chair.

Anglo-Belgian Society
Lord Tugendhat was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Belgian Society held last night at the Anglo-Belgian Club to mark Belgian Dynasty Day (November 15). Viscount Montgomery of Alamein presided. The Belgian Ambassador also spoke. Sir Edward Jackson, chairman, Mr Toby Jessel, MP, and Mr T.A. Richardson were among the guests.

Furniture Makers' Company
Mr Ray Leigh, Master of the Furniture Makers' Company, presided at the annual ladies dinner held last night at the Drapers' Hall. Mrs Elizabeth J. Peacock, MP, and Mr Lewis Scott also spoke.

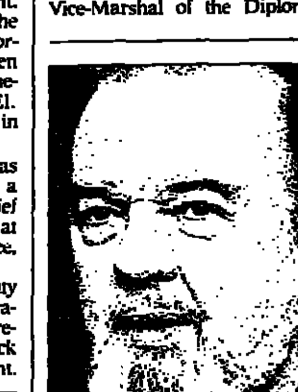
St Bride Institute
Canon John Oates, Chairman of the Governors of the St Bride Institute, presided at a centenary dinner held last night at the institute. An entertainment was held afterwards at the Bridewell Theatre. Among those present were:
The Bishop of London, the Surveyor of The Queen's Pictures and Mrs Lloyd, Mr John Cooper, Professor and Mrs Donald Read and Mr William Tyler.

Boult Wade Tennant
Boult Wade Tennant, Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, celebrated the centenary of Boult and Wade on Friday, November 11, when Dr David Hardisty, Senior Partner, and the other partners were the hosts at a dinner held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. Among the two hundred and fifty guests were:
Judge Peter Ford, Mr Tony Salem, of Liberty plc who proposed a toast to the firm, and Dr Walter Moll, of Munich, who proposed a toast on behalf of the overseas guests.

Service dinner

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Layard were the hosts at a dinner held last night on board the flagship *HMS Victory* in Portsmouth for the French Directeur du Personnel de la Marine, Vice-Admiral d'Escadre Bonnot.

British American Forces Dining Club
Vice-Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the British American Forces Dining Club held last night at the Honourable Artillery Company. Vice-Admiral Jonathan Tod, Deputy Chief of Fleet, and Major-General Greg Andrus, Commander 3rd USAF, presided.


Sir Peter Hall, director of plays, films and opera, is 64 today

Birthdays today

The Right Rev M.E. Adie, former Bishop of Guildford, 65; Surgeon Rear-Admiral W.V. Beach, 91; The Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, 66; Mr Boris Becker, tennis player, 27; Mr John Bird, actor and writer, 58; Mr Jon Cleary, novelist, 77; Mr Tom Conti, actor, 52; Miss Jamie Lee Curtis, actress, 36; Mr Brian Dance, former headmaster, St Dunstan's College, 65; Brigadier Hilary Dixon-Nuttall, director, Army Nursing Services, 55; Mr Terry Gilliam, film animator, 54; Mr Stephen Hough, concert pianist, 33; Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, physiologist, 77; Mrs Billie Jean King, tennis player, 51; Professor Sir John Knill, geologist, 60; Mrs Pat Koechlin-Smythe, showjumper, 66; Mr Wayne Larkins, cricketer, 41; Mr Neil McGrath, racehorse trainer, 38; Mr Peter McMaster, civil servant, 63; Mr John Newman, trade unionist, 63; Mr Justice Owen, 69; Mr R.M. Reeve, headmaster, King's College School, Wimbledon, 60; the Earl of Romney, 84; Mr H.A. Sweetbaum, chairman, Wickes, 57; Sir Michael Walker, diplomat, 78.

Royal College of General Practitioners

Following a national ballot of all members of the College, Dr Lotte Newman was elected President at the AGM held on Friday, November 18, 1994, at the Royal Geographical Society, London, SW7. At the first meeting of the 1994-95 Council of the College held on November 19, 1994, the following Officers were elected: Dr William Styles, Chairman; Dr David Murfin, Vice-Chairman; Dr Brendan Sweeney, Vice-Chairman; Dr Anthony Mathie, Honorary Treasurer; Dr William Reith, Honorary Secretary.

Church of England news

The Very Rev Christopher Campling, Dean of Ripon, diocese of Ripon, is to retire as from July 3 1995.

Appointments

The Rev Jeremy Allcock, Curate, Walthamstow, St Luke: to be Curate-in-charge, Walthamstow, St Luke (Chelmsford).

The Rev Richard Ames-Lewis, Rector, St Mary, Barnes: to be *also* Rural Dean of Richmond and Barnes (Southwark).

The Rev Gillian Barker, Assistant Curate, (NSM), St Mary, Alverstoke: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Matthew, Bridgemary (Portsmouth).

The Rev Christopher Bishop, Priest-in-charge, Manuden w. Berden and Chaplain of Stansted Airport: to be re-appointed *also* Rural Dean of Newport and Stansted (Chelmsford).

The Rev Paul Butler, Priest-in-charge, Walthamstow, St Mary w. St Stephen: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Walthamstow, St Luke (Chelmsford).

The Rev Keith Elford, Assistant Curate, Chertsey: to be Priest-in-charge, Ockham and Bishop's Chaplain (Guildford).

The Rev Sylvia Griffiths, Team Vicar, Bestwood Church and Anglican Minister, Bestwood/Rise Park Local Ecumenical Project: to be Team Rector, Bestwood Team Ministry (Southwell).

The Rev Brian Gwinn, Industrial Chaplain and Rural Dean of Hatfield (St Albans): to be Priest-in-charge, Watton at Stone, same diocese.

The Rev Malcolm Herbert, Vicar, Christ Church, Woking: to be *also* Rural Dean of Woking (Guildford).

The Rev Susan Hope, Priest-in-charge, Brightside w. Wincobank, Sheffield: to be Vicar, Brightside w. Wincobank, Sheffield (Sheffield).

The Rev David Hopkinson, Rector, Middleton Tyas w. Croft and Eryholme: to be Vicar, Belle Isle (Ripon).

The Rev David Howard, Associate Priest, East Leake, West Leake, Stanford-on-Soar, Rempstone and Costock: to be Priest-in-charge, Bilborough w. Strelley (Southwell).

The Rev Julian Hubbard, Vicar, St Thomas on the Bourne: to be *also* Diocesan Officer for Higher and Further Education (Guildford).

The Rev Martyn James, Assistant Curate, Parson Cross: to be Vicar, St Jude, Hexthorpe, Doncaster (Sheffield).

The Right Rev James Johnson, Assistant Bishop and Vicar, Hockley, diocese of Chelmsford: to be *also* a non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Rev Timothy King, Vicar, St Mary, Send: to be Rector, St John the Evangelist, Farncombe (Guildford).

The Rev Andrew Menniss, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Bembridge, Isle of Wight: to be *also* Rural Dean of East Wight (Portsmouth).

The Rev Pamela Nicholson, Assistant Curate, St Paul, Balsall Heath: to be Vicar, St Matthew w. St Chad, Smethwick (Birmingham).

The Rev Canon Roger Pike: to be an Honorary Canon Emeritus of Portsmouth Cathedral (Portsmouth).

The Rev David Preston, Vicar, St Barnabas, Gillingham (Rochster): to be Assistant Curate, St James, Milton (Portsmouth).

The Rev Humphrey Prideaux, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Peter, Bishop's Waltham: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), St John the Evangelist, West Meon and Our Lady, Warnford (Portsmouth).

The Rev Rodney Smith, Assistant Curate, Sneinton St Cyprian: to be Priest-in-charge, Sneinton St Matthias (Southwell).

The Rev Paul Summers, Vicar, Whitkirk: to be Rector, Kirkby Overblow and Diocesan Co-ordinator for Spiritual Direction (Ripon).

The Rev Jan Van Den Berg, Assistant curate, Ollerton w. Boughton: to be Priest-in-charge, Scrooby w. Ranskill (South well).

The Rev Rebecca Watts, Curate, Goldsworth Park, Woking (Guildford): to be Chaplain (half-time) of Wadham College, Oxford, and Assistant Curate (half-time), St Mary the Virgin w. St Cross and St Peter in the East (half time), Oxford.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Susan Martin, Assistant Curate, St John, Sandown and Christ Church, Sandown, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth): resigned as from October 31.

The Rev Barbara Scales, Honorary Curate, St Philip, Cheam Common (Southwark): to retire as from January 31 1995 and to then be granted permission to officiate, same diocese.

The Rev Beryl Turner, Assistant Curate, Goole (Sheffield): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Paul Wallis, Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Southsea (Portsmouth): resigned as from September 30.

Other appointments

Mr Michael Craster: to be Diocesan Secretary for the diocese of Newcastle.

Mrs Daphne Worraker, Officer for Unity for the diocese of Truro: to be a Lay Canon of Truro Cathedral.

Other movements

Mr R A Hewitt, Diocesan Director of Education (Schools) for the last 11 years, diocese of York: to retire as from December 31.

Church of Scotland

Translations
The Rev Quintori A Blane from Arthurlie, Barrhead, to Bellshill West.
The Rev George A Chalmers from Ternan West, Banchory, to Catrine with Sorn.
The Rev Jack Holt from Shortless, Kilmarnock, to Birse and Feughside.
The Rev Norman B McKee from St Andrew's, Hamilton, to Uddingston Old.
The Rev David N McLachlan from Gorbals, Glasgow, to Elderslie Park, Paisley.
The Rev Roderick Morrison from High Parish Church, Stornoway, to Gardner Street, Glasgow.
The Rev Walter M Ritchie from Appin with Lismore to Uphall South.

Inductions
The Rev Stephen Blakey to Strichen.
The Rev Alastair J Morton to Bowden with Newtown.

Ordinations and Inductions
The Rev David S Bartholomew to Balmaclellan with Kells with Carsphairn with Dalry.
The Rev Gordon D Irving to Stobswell, Dundee.
The Rev Robert Lawrie to Fyvie with Rothienorman.
The Rev Robert R Simpson to Prestongrange, Prestonpans.
The Rev John Turnbull to Balfron with Fintry.

Retirements
The Rev J Brodie from Hurlford Kirk, Kilmarnock.
The Rev John M Kellet from Leith South, Edinburgh.
The Rev S G MacNab from St Lukes & Queen Street, Broughty Ferry.
The Rev Colin R Martin from St Ninians, Corstorphine.
The Rev R M Maxton, Associate, from Dollar with Glendevon with Muckhart.
The Rev W Ewing Smith from Livingston Old.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Richard Neville, (The Kingmaker), Earl of Warwick and Earl of Salisbury, 1428; Robert de La Salle, explorer in America, Rouen, 1643; Dugald Stewart, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1753; Andreas Hofer, Tyrolese patriot, St Leonhard, Austria, 1767; Thomas Cook, pioneer of travel agencies, Melbourne, Derbyshire, 1808; George Eliot, novelist, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, 1819; Justin McCarthy, novelist and historian, Cork, 1830; George Gissing, novelist, Wakefield, 1857; Cecil Sharp, founder of the English Folk Dance Society, London, 1859; André Gide, writer, Nobel laureate 1947, Paris, 1869; Charles de Gaulle, general, President of France 1958-69, Lille, 1890; Hoagy Carmichael, pianist and composer, Bloomington, Indiana, 1899; Benjamin Britten, Baron Britten, composer, Lowestoft, 1913.

DEATHS: Sir Martin Frobisher, navigator, Plymouth, 1594; John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury 1691-94, London, 1694; Robert Clive, Baron Clive of Plassey, Governor of Bengal, committed suicide, London, 1774; John Stackhouse, botanist, Bath, 1819; John Thadeus Delane, Editor of *The Times* 1841-77, Ascot, 1879; Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer, London, 1900; Jack London, novelist, Glen Ellen, California, 1916; Sir George White, pioneer of electric tramways and aviation, and philanthropist, Bristol, 1916; Lorenz Hart, songwriter, New York, 1943; Sir Arthur Eddington, astronomer, Cambridge, 1944; C.S. Lewis, writer, Oxford, 1963; Aldous Huxley, novelist, Los Angeles, 1963; John F. Kennedy, 35th American President 1961-63, assassinated, Dallas, 1963; Mae West, actress, Los Angeles, 1980.

Today is the feast day of Cecilia, the patron saint of music, singers and poets.

The first Biro ballpoint pen went on sale in Britain, 1946.

Juan Carlos de Bourbon was sworn in as the King of Spain, 1975.

Royal Institute of International Affairs

The meeting which was to have been addressed by Richard Holbrooke on November 23 at 5.30pm has been cancelled. The meeting which was to have been addressed by General José Almonte on Wednesday, December 7, at 1.30pm has been postponed. Please phone 071-957 5740 for information on the rescheduled meeting.

Lecture

English-Speaking Union
The American Ambassador delivered the 1994 Churchill lecture to the English-Speaking Union yesterday at Guildhall. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman, presided. Mr Winston Churchill, MP, also spoke. After the lecture Sir Derek and Lady Birkin were the hosts at a reception.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mrs Isabel Markham, a member of the National Executive Council of the Third Age Trust, was the speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr T.S. Lansley presided.

Appointment

Mr Thorold Masefield to be Ambassador (non-resident) to Benin, concurrent with his appointment as High Commissioner to Nigeria.

Inner Temple

Canon Joseph Robinson has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P-E.C.G. Camenen and Miss A.E. Bernard
The engagement is announced between Paul-Erwan, only son of Dr and Mme Xavier Camenen, of Paris, France, and Alicia, daughter of Sir Dallas Bernard, of 106 Cheyne Walk, and Sheila Lady Bernard, of London, SW3.

Dr B.J. Gellér and Miss C.A.I. MacMahon
The engagement is announced between Balázs, son of Drs József and Ilona Gellér, of Budapest, Hungary, and Caroline, daughter of Dr Michael and the Rev Janet MacMahon, of Bearsden, Scotland.

Mr L.R. Hammond and Miss P.V. Iliffe
The engagement is announced between Laurence, son of Mr and Mrs G.R. Hammond, of Ingatestone, Essex, and Paula, youngest daughter of Mr C.R. Iliffe and the late Mrs J.J. Iliffe, of Harlow, Essex.

Marriages

Sir Christopher Harding and Miss P. A. Skelley
The marriage took place on Monday, November 21, in Australia of Sir Christopher Harding, son of Mrs Phyllis Harding and the late Mr Frank Harding, and Miss Anne Skelley, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Skelley.

Lord Clifford of Chudleigh and Miss C.A. Goodall
The marriage took place quietly in London on Monday, November 21, of Lord Clifford and Miss Clarissa Goodall, elder daughter of His Honour Anthony and Mrs Goodall.

Latest wills

Mrs Audrey Clare Vernon-Wentworth of Friston, Saxmundham, Suffolk, left estate valued at £10,815,563 net.
She left £10,000 to the Christian Science Society, Framlingham, £5,000 each to the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, USA, for charitable institutions in England, the Friends of Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital and the RNLI, for use in Suffolk particularly Aldeburgh, and £1,000 each to the Save the Children Society, Help the Aged, British Red Cross Society and St John Ambulance.

Mrs Dorothy Alice Turner of Warwick, left estate valued at £7,839,519 net.
She left a number of bequests, including her home and effects, to family and other personal legatees, £20,000 to Myton Hospice, Leamington Spa, £10,000 each to the Castel Froma Royal Midland Counties Home for the Disabled, Leamington Spa, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund and Salvation Army, the residue equally between the Cancer Research Campaign and British Heart Foundation.

Brigadier Sir Frederick Gregory Lindsay Coates, 2nd Bt, of Briantspuddle, Dorset, military deputy to the head of defence sales in the Ministry of Defence 1969-71, left estate valued at £447,144 net.

Mr Reginald Bolton Wilson, of Hastings, East Sussex, left estate valued at £553,891 net.
He left £132,500 and a pair of Georgian silver salvers to personal legatees, £20,000 to St Helens Downs Preservation Society, and £10,000 to St Helens Wood Preservation Society, and the remainder of his estate to the National Trust.

Rear Admiral Ronald Wilson Paffard, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, for 14 years secretary to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Tovey, left estate valued at £226,457. He left £1,000 to St Mary's Church, Alverstoke.

The Right Hon John, 2nd Baron Bradbury, of Nicosia, Cyprus, formerly of Cobham, Surrey, left estate in the UK valued at £241,590 net.

Mrs Anne Teresa Hoyland, of Foolow, Eyam, Derbyshire, vice-chairman of Crossroads, left estate valued at £777,399 net.
She left £2,000 each to the Bakewell and District and the Sheffield Alzheimers Disease Societies, and £1,000 to the National Alzheimers Disease Society, £2,000 each to the Derwent and Wye Valley Crossroads Scheme, Bakewell, and the Sheffield Crossroads Scheme, and £1,000 to the National Crossroads Scheme, £1,000 to St Hugh's Church, Foolow, and £250 each to the Sheep Dog Trials Associations at Bamford and at Ringinlow, and the British Red Cross Society, Derbyshire branch.

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It is not the children of Abraham by natural descent who are children of God; it is the children born through God's promise who are reckoned as Abraham's descendants.
Romans 9 : 8 (REB)

BIRTHS

BOURI - On November 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Rowheya and Nabil, a beautiful daughter, a sister to Gabriella.

CARROLL - On November 18th at the Wellington Hospital, to Lynn (née Bushdorf) and Charles, a son, Benjamin Charles, a brother for Elizabeth and Catherine.

CAVENDISH - On 19th November at Queen Charlotte's, to Sarah (née Formby) and Mark, a son, Edward Charles Robert Pitcairn, a brother for George and Kitty.

DALE - On November 18th at 8.50am at Jessops Hospital Sheffield, to Gina and Christopher, a special son, Luke Joseph - 6lbs 6oz

DILWORTH - On November 9th 1994, to Rachel Dillon and Jonathan Dilworth, a son, Ryan Jonathan.

DRYDEN - On 17th November, to Christian (née Graham) and Matthew, a daughter, Iona Clare, a sister for Alexander, Gabriella and Tom.

EMMY - On November 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Niky (née Rose) and Johnson, a beautiful daughter, Anita, a sister for Adaobi.

GALBRAITH - On November 2nd 1994, to Bridget (née Reeve) and Charles, a son, Humphrey Eldred Galloway.

GALITZINE - On 6th November, to Tania (née Meade) and Andrei, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, a daughter, Helena (Elena).

GOODMAN - On November 17th 1994, to Sarah (née McTavish) and Robin, a son, Thomas Tobias.

GRIPTON - On 21st November 1994, at Farnborough Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Hodder) and Bruce, a son, Matthew Graham, a brother for Madeleine and Edward.

HOARE - On November 18th 1994, to Sarah (née Dixon-Smith) and Toby, a daughter, Camilla, a sister for Oscar and Giles.

HUMPHREY - On November 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Julia (née Martin) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Holly Ellen.

JACKSON - On 27th October 1994, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Beverley (née Nutt) and Fraser, a son, Euan David.

JOHNSTON - On 18th November at The Portland Hospital, to Sallyann (née Ratcliffe) and Bruce, a son, James Christian Andrew.

KENNEDY-COCHRAN-PATRICK - At The Portland Hospital on 15th November at 7.13, to Richard and Charlotte, a beautiful daughter, Primrose Antonia Pagel, a sister for Rollo.

LIVINGSTONE - On 18th November, to Gail (née Bolam) and Peter, a son, Samuel Harrison.

MARSH - On 13th November 1994, in Singapore, to Jane (née Shorney) and Nick, a son, Hugh Peter Davies.

MONEY - On November 8th, to Miranda (née Fowden) and James, a son, Frederick George David.

OUNSWORTH - On 17th November 1994, to Andrea (née Heiskel) and Keith, a darling daughter, Sophie Alexandra Rose. Special thanks to the staff at St Mary's Hospital Manchester.

PARKER - On 4th November, to Adrienne (née Westmoreland) and Christopher, a daughter, Felicity Lucy, a sister for Sophie.

REEVE - On November 17th 1994, to Jane and John, a daughter, Francesca Jane Briggs, a sister for Harry.

RIGG-WIDDOWSON - On 13th November 1994, to Alexis Widdowson and Bryan Rigg, a daughter, Osburh Scheherazade.

ROSS - On November 10th 1994, to Carol (née Warner) and Gordon, a son, Johnathan Callum Lauder.

SHARP - On 16th November 1994 at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Caroline (née Baboneau) and Geoffrey, a son, William Charles Benjamin, a brother for Jamie and Harriet.

STEPHENS - On November 19th, to Veronica (née Dean) and Peter, a lovely daughter, a sister for George and Eleanor.

SULLIVAN - On November 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen (Cuthbertson) Sullivan and Paul, a son and brother to 4 ecstatic sisters. Weighed 7lbs 9oz.

TRIMM - On November 17th, to Nathalie (née Webb) and Geoffrey, a son, Alexander Michael James.

WILKINSON - On November 14th 1994, to Christine Warriner Wilkinson and Philip Wilkinson, a daughter, Alexandra Jane.

WYNDHAM - On 28th September 1994, in Santiago, Chile, to Professor Edmund Sydenham Wyndham and Albertina Doralisa (née Vasquez y Urrutia), a son, Esteban George. A brother for Katherine Esta and Daniela Anne.

MARRIAGES

DAVIS:MILLS - On November 19th 1994 in Northampton, Martyn and Tracey. A Blessing at St Alban's Church.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BRYANT:JOSLING - On 22nd November 1944 in Barnstaple, North Devon, James Bryant, R.A.F. to Clara Joyce Josling, Land Army. Congratulations and love, Thelma and Mike.

THE TIMES
NOTICE TO READERS
Our new telephone number for Birth, Marriage and Death announcements is
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DEATHS

BEALES - John Michael (Mick). Died without pain at home on 19th November, aged 76, after a short illness borne with characteristic dignity and courage. Loving and much loved husband of Joan, father, grandfather and friend of Jeremy and Peter, Nick, Zoe, Jennifer and Laura, Jane and Roz. Cremation Service on Monday 28th November at 12.30 pm Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London, NW11. No flowers please, but any donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD.

BOWLEY - On Saturday 19th November 1994, peacefully at Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Gillian Ellen Kathleen aged 65 years, of North Crawley, Bucks. Dearly loved by her husband Harold, daughter Caroline, son-in-law Andrew, grandson Sam and all of her family. The funeral service at St Peter & St Paul Church, Newport Pagnell, on Friday 25th November at 11.45 am. Flowers or donations for Diabetic Association & Renal Unit Churchill Hospital made payable to H.W. Mason & Sons, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell.

BRADBURY - Ernest, on November 18th, aged 75. Enquiries to C. Binns Funeral Directors, tel: Ilkley (0943) 831376.

BROUGHSHANE - On 20th November 1994, Bettine, wife of Lord Broughshane, peacefully in Sandwich, aged 89. Funeral strictly private, no flowers.

BRENNAN - On 19th November, peacefully at the Circus Nursing Home in Bath, after a short illness, Peter, beloved husband of Patricia, dear brother of Maeve and Ruth and brother-in-law to Nolan and Mark; deeply mourned by his nephews and nieces. Formerly of the Irish bar and the Irish Times. Requiem Mass on Friday November 25th at 12 noon at St Mary's, Julian Road, Bath. All friends welcome. Arrangements by Jolly's, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

COHEN - Beatrice aged 92, died peacefully on Thursday 17th November. Funeral on Friday 25th November at 11.30 am at Mortlake Cemetery and afterwards at Delves House. No flowers but donations to the Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund, Royal Opera House, WC2E 7QA.

COLYER - Cecil, of Shillingstone, died peacefully November 16th surrounded by his family. Private cremation, no flowers please. Donations to The Woodland Trust. Service of celebration Shillingstone Church, Saturday January 21st.

CORNWALL - On 18th November 1994, peacefully at Beauport Nursing Home, Jersey, Dr. Ian Wolfran, aged 85 years, late of Chichester and Cranleigh. The beloved father of Geoffrey and William. The funeral will be private but donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Family Nursing and Home Care (Jersey) Inc., Le Bas Centre, St Saviours Road, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 7LA.

CRAWFORD - On Sunday 20th November 1994, peacefully at home, Mary Katherine, Dowager Countess of Crawford, aged 91. Beloved widow of David, 28th Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St John the Baptist Church, Flookburgh, on Wednesday 23rd November at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Service at Pittenweem to be announced later. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Hospice, Ford Park, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 7JS.

FOLEY - On November 20th, peacefully at home with his family, Terence Frederick, widower of Katherine (Kate). Requiem Mass 11 am Friday 25th November at Our Lady of Lourdes, London E11, near Wanstead Tube Station. No flowers but masses or donations to St Francis Hospice, Havering-atte-Bower, Essex.

GREENAWAY - On November 19th, aged 84, peacefully after a long illness, Sir Derek Burdick Greenaway Bt., devoted husband of Sheila and much loved father of Anne and John and grandfather of Annabel, Clare, George, Camilla and Thomas. With gratitude to those looking after him at Fernchase Manor, Fordcombe. Funeral at Hever Church, Hever, nr. Edenbridge, on Monday November 28th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to "Hever PCC" or "Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People" (Charity Reg No. 251051) c/o E.R. Hicknott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD.

GREENHALGH - On November 19th, Twink (Lavinia Victoria), at Chollacott Nursing Home, Tavistock, widow of Ivor. No flowers please. Donations to MENCAP c/o Morris Brothers, 1 Drake Road, Tavistock, tel: (0822) 612023.

HALL - On November 18th 1994, peacefully at home after an illness, June Patricia Annable, A.R.M.C.M. Much loved by her family and by all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Ripponden, Halifax, on Friday November 25th at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. All welcome at home after the service. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Dr. Hadwen Trust for Humane Research, 22 Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 1JW.

HAMILTON - On Friday November 18th, peacefully at home, Patience (née Shaw), widow of Ian T. Hamilton. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 3.30 pm on Thursday November 24th. No flowers please. If desired donations may be sent to Age Concern.

HOLT - Nicholas Donald, passed away peacefully at home in Lambourn, Berkshire, U.K., on Sunday 20th November 1994. Deeply mourned and lovingly missed by wife Becky Chan Bick Kaye, sons Christopher, Nigel, daughters Nicky, Jill, stepson Peter Chan Tse Yuen, stepdaughter Genevieve Chan Spence, 11 grandchildren and 2 step grandchildren. Funeral Service on Thursday 24th November 1994 at St Michael and All Angels Church, Lambourn, at 12 noon thence to Upper Lambourn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to St Michael and All Angels Church Restoration Fund.

LLOYD - Oswald Lloyd F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., died peacefully in Cambridge on November 12th 1994. Funeral Service Denio Cemetery Chapel, Pwllheli, North Wales, 2 pm Wednesday November 23rd. No flowers at his request. Friends and colleagues welcome. Memorial Service in Cambridge to be arranged in New Year.

LOW BEER - Eric, beloved husband of Ruth and father of Barbara, Katherine, Rosemary and Caroline. 19th November in France after a long illness. Memorial in England at a later date.

MANNERS - On November 21st 1994, peacefully at home, Noeline Mary (née Blake, formerly Murray), much loved and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass on Friday November 25th 1994 at the Church of Christ the King, Bagshot, at 11 o'clock, followed by interment at Windlesham Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Association for International Cancer Research, Technology Centre, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9SR.

McCOLL - On 20th November, in Hammersmith Hospital, Lesley Ann Neilson. Daughter of the late John and Rose Neilson. Survived by her husband Stuart and sons Richard and James and by numerous friends. Funeral to take place at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday 28th November at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Oncology Department, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, W12. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon tel: (071) 229-3810.

MORTON - Peacefully on November 19th 1994 in a nursing home, Elsie, aged 91, widow of Prof. W.E. Morton and much loved mother of Peter, Michael, Jean and Pamela. The funeral will be at St Peter's Church, Hale, on Friday November 25th at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations in aid of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research may be sent to the funeral directors Messrs. Ashton Brookes, Churchside, Church Street, Altrincham, WA14 4DB, tel: (061) 928-7816.

ORAM - Ruth Eleanor Bettine, of Purley, peacefully in her sleep, aged 78, at The White House in Weymouth on 9th November. The funeral has taken place privately in Weymouth.

PELL - Beauchamp Stuart, on 18th November 1994, aged 90, following a road accident. The last of a distinguished line and sadly missed by his many cousins and multitude of friends. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Wilburton, Isle of Ely, on Monday 28th November at 11.30 am. No flowers. Donations to the Solicitors Benevolent Association, 1 Jaggard Way, London SW12 8SG.

PENNY - On November 19th, suddenly, Simon, dearly loved husband and father. Funeral 2.30 pm Tuesday November 29th St Mary's, Chiddingfold. Family flowers. Donations to 'Barts City Life Saver' c/o W. Bryder & Sons, Tillington, near Petworth, GU28 9AB.

RATLIFFE - Peter T aged 24 years died suddenly in Figueres 16th November 1994. Loving son, brother, grandson. Funeral arrangements ring 0732 700368.

RAVENSCROFT - On November 18th, peacefully at Grosvenor Park Nursing Home, Bexhill-on-Sea, Biddy, dearly beloved mother and grandmother. Cremation at Eastbourne on Monday November 28th at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Sue Ryder Foundation c/o Mummery F/D, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

ROOKER - On 19th November 1994, suddenly, Malcolm Francis aged 50 years. Dearly loved husband of Susan and much loved father of Annabel and Nicholas. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Cheltenham, on Monday 28th November at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but if desired donations for R.N.L.I. may be sent to Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham, (0242) 526383.

SYMONS - Julian, 19th November. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at Barham Crematorium (near Canterbury) on Monday 28th November at 12.30 pm. Please no flowers.

TWITCHETT - On November 19th 1994, aged 82 years, Dr. Harry James Twitchett, formerly of I.C.I., of Bramhall, Cheshire, dearly loved husband of Hilda and much loved father of Peter. Service at Bramhall Parish Church on Saturday November 26th at 11.15 am, prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund. All enquiries and donations to Ben Lloyd (F.D.) Ltd., 51 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 7AA, tel: (061) 485 3155 or Poynton 872717.

WEST - On November 18th 1994, peacefully at Brompton House Nursing Home, Broadway, Worcester, Ernest Waldron (Jim), late of The Walklands, Felbridge, beloved husband of the late Berys Eileen. Funeral Service and interment at All Saints Church, Crawley Down, on Friday 25th November 1994 at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St Catherines Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley. Enquiries to Ballard & Shortall, tel: (01342) 323092.

WILLIAMS - Ruth Eleanor Bettine, see Oram.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

GRAY - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Prof. Peter Gray of Cardiff will be held at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, on Tuesday 29th November 1994 at 2.30 pm.

RUSSELL - A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of Pat and Mike Russell will be held at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London W1, on Friday 25th November 1994 at 2 pm.

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OBITUARIES

JULIAN SYMONS

Julian Symons, crime writer and biographer, died on November 19 aged 82. He was born on May 30, 1912.



JULIAN SYMONS was among the most distinguished authors and expositors of the postwar British crime novel, to which he came, almost by chance, from the left-wing literary enthusiasms of his youth. Although often acerbic in his critical writing, he was kindly, even avuncular, in person, and a popular and influential chairman of the Crime Writers' Association and president of the Detection Club. Among his other books, revealingly, were two about the major formative influences in his life — his brother A. J. A. Symons, and the decade in which he felt himself rooted, the 1930s.

Julian Gustave Symons was born in London to a family of Russian-Jewish immigrants, whose poverty was afterwards alleviated when his flamboyant father began to run auction rooms and deal in racehorses. Because of a stammer, Julian was sent to a school for backward children, which he left at the age of 14 to work for an engineering firm. His real education came from reading — a book a day at one stage — including Carlyle and Nietzsche but also the Sherlock Holmes and Father Brown stories. His brother A. J. A. Symons, the author of *The Quest for Corvo* and a notable aesthete, was anxious to cultivate his younger brother's taste, and gave him the run of his not inconsiderable library. This turned Julian into quite an expert on 19th-century literature.

Symons became a Trotskyist and a poet. His poems, he would recall, were "very political and romantic, full of young comrades scanning the horizon". Some were bought, for almost no money, by the *Sunday Referee*, which was also publishing Dylan Thomas. Drawn into a world of little magazines and small factions, he founded and edited *Twentieth Century Verse*, as a rival to Geoffrey Grigson's *New Verse*. He lived among working-class intellectuals and anarcho-leftists in what he afterwards described as "not only a period in time but also a way of thinking and feeling". A volume of his poetry was published in 1939.

When war came he served in the Army with reluctance, because he believed it to be "the wrong war at the wrong time". After demobilisation he joined an advertising agency, where he became a competent copywriter but despised the work. With an introduction from George Orwell, he began reviewing books for the *Manchester Evening News*. He had already discovered, in a desk drawer, the manuscript of a detective story which he had written before the war. Gollancz published it in 1945 as *The Immaterial Murder Case*; retrospectively, he judged it "slapdash", but he was launched as a novelist.

From then on, his literary output was extensive and varied, including the biography of his brother, studies of Charles Dickens, Thomas Carlyle, Horatio Bottomley and Edgar Allan Poe, histories of the Gordon Relief Expedition, Buller's campaigns and the General Strike, more verse, radio and television plays, but principally, a steady stream of mystery novels. From 1958 he was also a regular book reviewer for *The Sunday Times*.

From the 1960s onwards crime fiction moved from the margin to become his chief professional concern; crime rather than detection, because what interested him was not the puzzle or the solution but the tangled psychology of murderers, victims and investigators. In *The Thirty-First of February* (1950) an innocent man is hounded to death over a non-existent crime; *The Man Who Killed Himself* (1967) cunningly manipulates a confusion of dual identities; *The Players and the Game* (1972) is about a pair of pathological multiple murderers. Although he was much too good a craftsman to be careless about the mystery element and some of his books, especially the later, slighter ones, approximated more to the traditional detective story, the weight of his attention was concentrated elsewhere.

"The thing that absorbs me most in our age," he said, "is the violence behind respectable faces, the civil servant planning how to kill Jews most efficiently, the judge speaking with passion about the need for capital punishment, the quiet obedient boy who kills for fun."

His favourite settings were respectable suburbia ("the sort of people who live in Blackheath") and mildly pretentious housing estates ("a mixture of art people, media people, young advertising executives who haven't quite made it") — social structures which he treated with sharp humour.

The crime novel, he considered, could be, at best, "a flawed masterpiece", but he used it as a vehicle for themes which he might have explored in other kinds of fiction. *Bloody Murder* (1972) is a history of the genre, in which he tries, perhaps not very hard, to discuss fairly the writers he dislikes but in which his judgments, inevitably, are shaped by his own criteria. These were, in part, ideological. "Up to 1943," he said, "almost all crime writers were right-wing, not necessarily political, but they all viewed criminals as objects, as wicked ciphers. The story was about the removal of a piece of grit in the smooth-running wheels of society . . . Things are very different today. The criminal can now be the most interesting character of the lot. The whole point of the story is the nature of those who are opposed to the social structure and show it by killing."

Not everyone agreed with him: there are plenty of writers and readers who still prefer the pure puzzle and the Great Detective. However, the authority of his knowledge was universally recognised. In 1958 he was elected chairman of the Crime Writers' Association for a year — a body which he had helped to found — and from 1976 to 1985 succeeded Dame Agatha Christie as president of the Detection Club. From 1975 to 1976 he was a visiting professor at Amherst College, Massachusetts.

He won literary awards in Britain, America and Sweden, and in 1990 received the Cartier Diamond Dagger Award for a lifetime's achievement in the field of crime fiction. Simultaneously and paradoxically his publishers decided to move his latest book out of their crime list and treat it as general fiction. *Death's Darkest Face* was, indeed, more a novel than a crime story of any kind: it looked back to the 1930s, to a boy's first sexual disillusionment and his half-understood observations of the adult world, and to a disappearance which the narrator concludes, in an epilogue, was probably a murder. In a skilful but very mild form this book epitomises much of Julian Symons's work. The only way, he once said, in which experience had modified his earlier views was that he had come to accept the primacy of a novelist's need to entertain.

He continued very active until the end, publishing crime novels at the rate of one a year, lecturing in Spain a mere month ago and choosing his Books of the Year for *The Sunday Times* only last Sunday. His last book, *Playing Happy Families*, published earlier this year, was as well received as anything that had gone before. He also oversaw a documentary tribute to his brother, which was televised last year by the BBC. In 1992 two *festschrifts* were published in honour of his 80th birthday — the one a collection of his stories for the Detection Club, the other a set of tributes from his crime-writing colleagues, a memorial to his many years in the business.

In 1941 he married Kathleen Clark, who survives him, together with a son. Their daughter predeceased him.

RONALD CHAPMAN

Ronald Chapman, librarian and writer, died on November 5 aged 77. He was born on September 21, 1917.



IN 1943 Ronald Chapman joined the staff of the Bodleian Library, where he worked until his failing sight forced him to retire in 1971. Most of his career was spent in the Radcliffe Camera and he succeeded Reginald Trotman as its Superintendent.

His virtual reclassification of the entire stock stands as a memorial to the energy and devotion he brought to his work. However, the deterioration of his sight meant that he had to leave the Camera and spend the rest of his time at Bodley in Duke Humfrey's Library, receiving new readers and showing visitors round the library with his customary blend of courtesy, wide knowledge and humour.

Ronald George Chapman was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford, where his tutor and subsequent friend was Lord David Cecil. His father, a captain in the Grenadier Guards who had been awarded the MC, was killed in the First World War when Ronnie was six months old. His mother was the adopted daughter of the painter G. F. Watts and he spent his childhood at Limnerslease, the home of Watts's widow at Compton in Surrey. Chapman inherited a number of Watts's pictures and in 1945 wrote a definitive study of him entitled *The Laurel and the Thorn*.

In 1961 he produced another biography, *Father Faber*, a life of the Catholic priest who was the friend of Newman and the founder of the London Oratory.

Chapman had embarked on a life of George Tyrrell when he realised that he had no longer the necessary eye-sight to complete his research. When his sight had almost completely failed, he dictated a novel, *The Education of Davy Porteous* (1969), and published a volume of poetry. He accepted with stoicism what was, for a man of his interests, a terrible deprivation but when quite old he managed to learn braille.

Chapman was by no means a reclusive scholar. He had a passion for buying and restoring beautiful but semi-derelict old houses. Despite his indifferent health, much of the restoration was done with his own hands, for he was a good craftsman. A delightful companion and host, he enjoyed living with his family in these houses, entertaining many friends and farming in a modest way.

In 1942 he married Teresa, a daughter of the philosopher and historian E. I. Watkin, whose books led to his reception into the Roman Catholic Church in 1940. That faith was a great solace in his last years. He is survived by his wife and four children.

SAMUEL STAMLER

Samuel Stamler, QC, a Recorder of the Crown Court, 1974-89, died from cancer on November 12 aged 68. He was born in Stoke Newington, London, on December 3, 1925.

FOR nearly 40 years, first as a junior and then as a silk, Samuel Stamler was one of the leading commercial practitioners in London. His capacities as a lawyer and as an advocate were unsurpassed by any of his contemporaries and his good humour was infectious. One of the fields in which his services were most often sought was that of contested takeovers. The legal strategy for many a City boardroom campaign was forged in his room in the Temple.

His conduct of Heron International's 1982 attempt to prevent Robert Holmes à Court from acquiring Associated Communications Corporation (the owners of ATV) was widely acknowledged as masterly. Litigation did not in the end stop Holmes à Court gaining control of ACC; but it did make him pay vastly more for the privilege, to the great benefit of shareholders.

Samuel Aaron Stamler was born, one of two brothers, to Jewish immigrant parents. Educated at Central Foundation Boys' Grammar School, and later at Berkhamsted School, he went up to King's College, Cambridge, in 1943. There he first read modern languages before finding his true métier, the law.

After some years as a law tutor at Cambridge, Stamler was called to the Bar in 1953. He took silk in 1971 and was appointed a Recorder of the Crown Court in 1974.

His was a mind of the first rank and of great subtlety. No legal problem was so knotty, no set of facts was so complex, that he could not master it. The law reports contain numerous examples of judgments that reflect his arguments; and as Lord Lowry observed on an appeal to the House of Lords in 1990, Stamler's ability meant that a case presented by him "lacked nothing in thoroughness, ingenuity or force".



Clients of his, however, are as likely to remember him for his style and wit as for his learning and analytical powers. The leading solicitors of London brought a ceaseless procession of bankers and businessmen to his door. Inside they found Sam, as he was known to everyone from pupil barrister to law lord, probably in his shirtsleeves, ready to illuminate the way through their difficulties. He joked, he laughed, but he always got to the heart of any problem with which he was presented.

In 1966 he was one of the four founder members of what is now the largest commercial chambers in London. He was its head for nearly 20 years until his death. During all those years his door was always open to his colleagues. Whether their problems were professional or personal, he was there ready to listen and to help. His only failing as head of chambers was that his quickness of mind made him an unusual chairman. He had thought of, and uttered, all the arguments on each side of a point before anyone else could speak.

In 1979 Stamler became a Bencher of Middle Temple. For many years he served on its estates committee. At his death he was Master of the House, responsible for the hall.

In his private life he was particularly fortunate. In 1953 he married Honor Brotman. Their marriage, a very happy one, was a marriage of intellectual equals. She was first a tutor in economics at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and later a senior economic adviser to the Treasury. The only cloud in the last year of his life was her serious illness.

Stamler was an observant Jew, and learned in Jewish as well as English law.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

DAVID BUCHAN

David Buchan, folklorist, died from cancer on October 22 aged 55. He was born in Aberdeen on January 7, 1939.

AS FOLK-CULTURAL studies have only a limited foothold on the British academic scene, the decision to establish a Chair of Scottish Ethnology at the University of Aberdeen and to appoint David Buchan as its first incumbent was welcomed in the region itself and by an international community of scholars.

Buchan was not only in name a Buchan — or "loon" — but a born and bred Aberdonian with strong connections with that city's cultural hinterland. In addition he had acquired considerable recognition as a folklorist, especially but by no means exclusively as a ballad scholar, and as an expert on the oral traditions of the Scottish northeast. He was an outstanding teacher and a prolific researcher and writer.

Apart from numerous articles and reviews and active participation in the interchange of ideas at international conferences, he published four books. *The Ballad and the Folk* (1972) boldly applied some of the approaches and methods of Milman Parry's and Albert Lord's work among the "singers of tales" in Serbo-Croatia to the structure and strategies of oral composition in Scottish balladry. The generally positive response to Buchan's conclusions also contained an admixture of criticism, depending on the stance individual scholars had adopted to Parry's and Lord's work. Whatever the perspective, *The Ballad and the Folk* was undeniably a milestone in ballad scholarship.

Buchan's *Scottish Ballad Book* (1973) provided a judiciously selected anthology which offered an opportunity for others to test his findings. This was followed in 1984 by an annotated anthology devoted to the wider field of *Scottish Tradition*; this collection has become an important teaching tool, particularly in the field of Scottish oral folk-narrative. Earlier this year Buchan edited a fascinating selection from the medical practitioner David Rorie's writings on *Folk Tradition and Folk Medicine in Scotland*, a book which has already received much deserved praise.

David Duncan Buchan received his secondary schooling at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, and in 1956 entered the University of Aberdeen, from which he graduated in 1960 with an MA in English Language and Literature. He received his PhD in 1965. His early academic teaching took him across the Atlantic to the universities of Victoria, British Columbia, and Massachusetts but he returned to Scotland in 1968 as lecturer in English Studies at the University of Stirling, promotion to senior lecturer coming in 1971.

During his time at Stirling he devised and organised an innovative and popular "English Studies with Folklife Studies" degree programme. In 1979 he was appointed Professor of Folklore and head of the Department of Folklore in the Memorial University of Newfoundland at St John's, the only anglophone department of its kind in Canada.

It was from there that Buchan was supposed to return to his native Aberdeen this year, and the Chair of Scottish Ethnology would have been a fitting climax to his distinguished career and a great boon to the university. Unfortunately, he had to withdraw his acceptance of this appointment when it was discovered that the cancer, from which everyone thought he had successfully recovered, returned. In June, however, he was in the Faroe Islands, an active, robust, articulate and humorous participant in the annual conference of the International Ballad Commission, of which he was a vice-president and a driving force.

David Buchan is survived by his wife Diane and by a daughter and son from a previous marriage.

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ON THIS DAY
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Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, opened the Liberal election campaign in Tower Hamlets, east London, with a blistering attack, which relied heavily on ridicule, against the House of Lords.

NEWS

Nato aircraft strike back at Serbs

■ Nato yesterday mounted the biggest bombing raid of its 45-year history to strike at a Serb-held airfield in Croatia.

Alliance leaders united in resounding approval for an airstrike involving 39 aircraft — 30 of them bombers — from the United States, Britain, France and The Netherlands. The Yugoslav government said the strike on Udbina demonstrated "the bias and one-sided approach" of the UN Security Council and could provoke a wider war ..... **Pages 1, 16**

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Give President Clinton and his associates this. They are not blaming the baseball strike or sun spots for the election results

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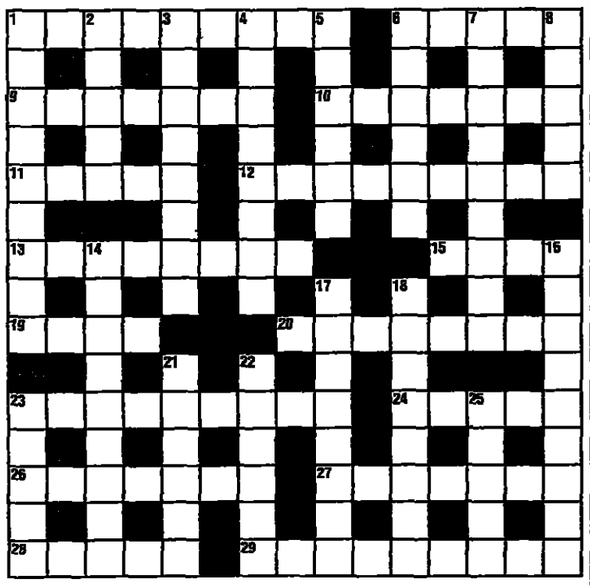
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I am uneasy in the countryside; I can't sleep with the appalling noise — birds cheeping and squawking, leaves rustling and clattering down, foxes stealing the chickens I am looking forward to — I emerge vowing never to go further than Oxford Street or, at a pinch, Piccadilly ..... **Page 20**

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1 Refuse to be gripped by impassioned rabble-rouser (9).
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4 Government department responsible for car's tax (8).
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16 Incidental information is turned up with glee (9).
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18 Peculiar observation made about *city (8).*
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22 'The Talisman' produced by a scholar, a man from Abbotsford (6).
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** southern England and the Channel Islands will be cloudy with hill and coastal fog and occasional drizzle.

London and the rest of England, along with eastern Scotland, will start dull with some drizzle. During the day it will become drier and perhaps a little brighter.

Wales will be mainly cloudy, with rain or drizzle at times and fog on hills.

Northern Ireland and the west and north of Scotland will be cloudy with rain and drizzle and a strong south or *southwesterly wind.*

Mild, especially in the south and east.

☐ ***London, E Anglia, Midlands, E NW, Central N, NE England:*** mainly cloudy. Morning drizzle. Bright spells in afternoon. Wind moderate SW. Very mild. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **SE, Central S, SW England, Ch'l Is:** cloudy. Hill and coastal fog. Drizzle at times. Wind moderate SW. Very mild. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Wales:** mainly cloudy. Some rain or drizzle. Hill and coastal fog. Wind fresh SW. Max 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

☐ **Lakes, IoM, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** cloudy. *Some rain or drizzle.* Hill fog. Wind fresh or strong SW. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** mainly dry, but some early drizzle. Bright spells. Wind fresh SW. Very mild. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain or drizzle, perhaps heavy in the evening. Wind strong SW. Max 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

☐ **Outlook:** England and Wales *mostly dry with bright spells on* Wednesday but rain in N Ireland and Scotland will spread south. Thursday dry and bright, with early fog.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; do=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.6	0.01	13	55	b	Littlehmptn	X				
Anglesey	1.2	0.91	12	54	r	Liverpool	0.4	0.77	11	52	r
Aspatria	X					London	-	-	15	59	d
Aviemore	0.2	0.31	7	45	sh	Lowestoft	X				
Belfast	5.5	0.13	11	52	s	Manchester	1.1	0.69	11	52	r
Birmingham	X					Minehead	X				
Bognor R	0.1	-	15	59	c	Morecambe	X				
Bournem'th	X					Newcastle	2.5	0.07	11	52	s
Bristol	-	0.05	15	59	r	Newquay	-	0.04	15	59	d
Buxton	X					Norwich	-	0.10	16	59	r
Cardiff	0.2	0.09	14	57	r	Nottingham	-	0.17	13	55	r
Clacton	X					Oxford	-	0.09	14	57	r
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	-	0.03	14	57	d
Colwyn Bay	X					Plymouth	-	0.04	13	55	d
Cromer	X					Prestatyn	X	0.85	13	55	b
Doncaster	-	0.28	14	57	r	Ross-o-wye	X				
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	X					Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	2.6	0.11	11	52	sh	Sandown	X				
Eskdalemuir	0.9	0.47	9	48	sh	Saintn Snd	0.4	0.04	14	57	d
Exmouth	X					Scarboro'	X				
Falmouth	X					Scilly Isles	X				
Fishguard	0.1	0.35	12	54	d	Shanklin	-	0.04	14	57	r
Folkestone	X					Shrewsbury	0.1	0.31	14	57	r
Glasgow	2.1	0.20	11	52	sh	Skegness	X				
Guernsey	2.7	-	17	63	s	Southend	X				
Hastings	X					Southport	0.3	1.01	11	52	r
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	X				
Herne Bay	X					Stornoway	2.4	0.43	9	48	sh
Hove	-	-	14	57	du	Swanage	-	0.02	14	57	d
Hunstanton	X					Teignmouth	-	0.01	15	59	d
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	-	0.26	13	55	c
Isle of Man	2.5	0.46	12	54	r	Tiree	2.3	0.04	11	52	sh
Jersey	X										
Kinloss	2.3	0.04	10	50	sh						
Leeds	0.2	0.38	11	52	r						
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Leuchars	2.7	0.02	11	52	sh						

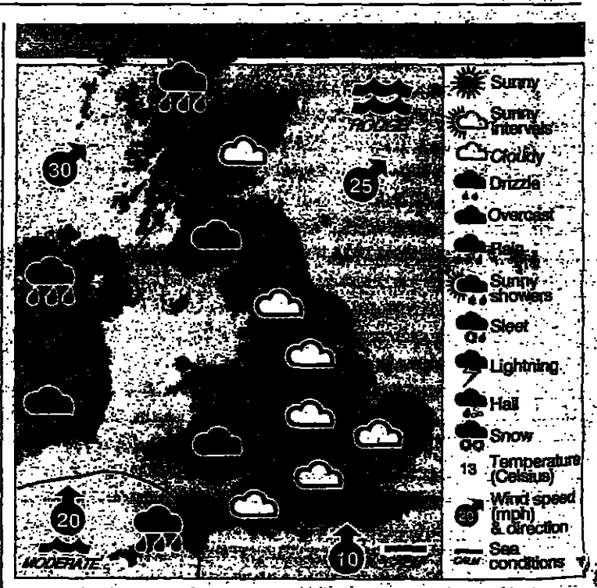
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Ajaccio	13	55	s	Corfu	15	59	s	Majorca	17	63	s
Akrotiri	19	66	f	Dublin	11	52	s	Malaga	19	66	f
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Malta	19	66	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Faro	18	64	c	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Amst'dm	11	52	f	Florence	12	54	f	Mexico C	19	66	s
Athens	12	54	c	Frankfurt	13	55	f	Miami	24	75	c
Bahrain	29	84	s	Funchal	25	77	s	Milan	8	46	c
Barbados	27	81	r	Geneva	9	48	fg	Montreal	6	43	s
Barcelona	16	61	f	Gibraltar	17	63	c	Moscow	1	34	r
Beirut	23	73	f	Helsinki	2	36	c	Munich	12	54	f
Belgrade	13	55	s	Hong K	27	81	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	10	50	f	Innsbruck	10	50	s	Naples	18	64	s
Bermuda	26	79	f	Istanbul	9	48	r	N Delhi	24	75	s
Biarritz	12	54	c	Jeddah	31	88	s	N York	10	50	c
Borde'x	15	59	f	Jo'burg	24	75	f	Nice	18	64	s
Brussels	11	52	f	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	6	41	s
Budapst	11	52	f	L Palmas	26	79	s	Paris	14	57	c
B Aires	26	79	s	La Tquet	12	54	s	Peking	9	48	s
Cairo	28	88	f	Lisbon	12	54	fg	Perth	28	82	s
Cape Tn	19	66	c	Locarno	7	45	f	Prague	11	52	f
Chicago	9	48	f	L Angels	13	55	s	Reykjavik	7	45	f
Ch'church	21	70	s	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	18	64	f
Cologne	11	52	f	Lyon	24	75	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phagn	9	46	s	Madrid	15	59	s	Riyadh	30	86	s
								Rome	17	63	s
								Salzburg	13	55	c
								S Frisco	9	48	c
								Santiago	28	82	s
								S Paulo	17	63	c
								Seoul	11	52	s
								Sing'por	31	88	f
								Stkholm	4	39	c
								Strasb'rg	16	61	f
								Sydney	23	73	f
								Tangier	21	70	s
								Tel Aviv	30	86	s
								Tenerife	26	82	s
								Tokyo	17	63	f
								Toronto	6	43	f
								Tunis	20	68	s
								Valencia	19	66	s
								Vanc'ver	6	41	s
								Venice	7	45	fg
								Vienna	12	54	c
								Warsaw	9	48	f
								Wash'ton	16	59	f
								Wel'ngton	14	57	c
								Zurich	9	48	c

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TODAY	AM HT	AM LT	PM HT	PM LT
London Bridge	3.85	6.8	4.03	8.7
Aberdeen	3.25	4.0	3.34	4.0
Avonmouth	9.04	12.2	9.25	11.8
Belfast	12.47	3.2	1.07	3.5
Cardiff	8.47	11.47	9.10	11.08
Devonport	7.40	6.2	8.01	4.9
Dover	12.45	6.4	12.52	8.3
Falmouth	7.10	5.0	7.31	4.7
Glasgow	2.52	4.5	2.59	4.9
Harwich	11.31	3.8	11.52	3.8
Holyhead	12.07	5.2	12.23	6.3
Hull	8.19	6.84	8.26	6.90
Ilfracombe	7.50	8.53	8.13	8.22
King's Lynn	8.22	6.1	8.32	6.3
Leith	4.37	5.2	4.51	5.2

TODAY	AM HT	AM LT	PM HT	PM LT
Liverpool	12.58	8.6	1.15	8.7
Lowestoft	11.46	3.4	11.43	3.5
Margate	1.40	4.6	2.02	4.5
Milford Haven	8.07	5.4	8.27	6.2
Newquay	7.01	5.2	7.20	5.2
Oban	7.31	3.5	7.55	3.6
Penzance	6.42	5.0	7.00	4.9
Poolland	8.20	1.9	8.47	1.7
Portsmouth	1.49	4.5	2.09	4.4
Shoreham	12.55	5.6	1.15	5.6
Southampton	12.36	4.1	12.56	4.3
Swansea	8.18	8.7	8.37	8.8
Tees	5.41	4.8	6.05	5.0
Whitby	1.58	4.0	1.36	4.0

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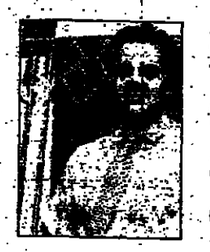
Sun rises: 7.30 am
Sun sets: 4.03 pm
Moon sets: 10.55 am
Moon rises: 7.46 pm

London 4.59 pm to 7.30 am
Bristol 4.43 pm to 7.41 am
Edinburgh 3.55 pm to 8.04 am
Manchester 4.03 pm to 7.49 am
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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22 1994

Rolls-Royce to buy US engine maker

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ROLLS-ROYCE is to pay $525 million for the Allison Engine Company, the leading US maker of engines for turbo-prop military transports and helicopters.

The purchase, from a leveraged buyout consortium, will be funded by a rights issue or vendor placing on completion, enlarging Rolls's issued equity by up to 20 per cent.

The deal will give Rolls the biggest range of aero-engines in the world, from huge turbofans to power the Boeing 777 through turbo-props to turboshaft engines for helicopters.

With Allison's 29,000 engines in service added to the 19,000 Rolls units on military and civil jets, Rolls will also have more engines flying than any other manufacturer.

After a decade of courtship, Rolls, where Terry Harrison is chief executive, finally secured a deal with Allison's management and Clayton, Dubilier Rice, which backed the buyout of the business from General Motors last December. Both General Electric of America, the world's biggest aero-engine maker, and Allied Signal, a partner on Allison's helicopter engine programme, are believed to have been bidders.

Sir Ralph Robins, chairman of Rolls, said that the acquisition of Allison would provide a manufacturing base in the biggest aerospace market and extend Rolls's product range. "Over time, Allison will become the centre of our operations in the US," he said. Rolls and Allison have been collaborating for 40 years, most recently on a jet engine to power the American A7 Corsair, of which 1,500 were sold.

Because Rolls is a big supplier to the US defence department, Sir Ralph said he believed regulatory consents would be forthcoming, although it might take four to six months to complete the deal.

Last year, Allison lost $240 million on sales of $641 million. But in the first nine months of this year, it cut the loss to $9 million on sales of $432 million. Part of the loss reduction stems from falling research and development spending. Allison has spent $1.8 billion since 1987 developing four new engines. However, those programmes are now virtually complete.

At the same time, the workforce has been cut from more than 7,000 to fewer than 4,300, centred on a plant in Indiana. Rolls employs 23,000 of its 42,000 workers in aerospace. The rest are in industrial power and nuclear engineering. It had first-half sales of £1.5 billion ($2.3 billion). Buying Allison will greatly extend Rolls's ability to compete to supply military transport, helicopter and civil turbo-prop engines worldwide. It will also extend the range of industrial engines on offer for power generation, pumping and similar uses.

Allison says it sells 96 per cent of the world's large turbo-prop engines, including those used by the Lockheed C-130 Hercules. Its small helicopter engine commands half the market.

New, more powerful engines have just been developed for both these markets, together with a new power plant for executive jets and a turboshaft motor to power the tilt-rotor Osprey being developed for the US Marine Corps.

The new helicopter engine competes with a similar power plant developed by a European consortium involving Rolls-Royce. Sir Ralph said there were no plans to abandon either. Nor were there any plans to reorganise production between Britain and America.

However, Rolls would further improve Allison's efficiency by "introducing the manufacturing methods which are widely employed at Rolls-Royce". The biggest economies are likely to be in marketing and product support to airforces and hundreds of airlines around the world.

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Sir Ralph Robins, right, and Terry Harrison believe US consent will be forthcoming

MARTIN BEDDALL



Richard Branson launched his new Virgin Cola soft-drink range yesterday amid scenes of lottery-style hysteria. Tesco at Covent Garden, London, sold out its stock of 1,000 cans in 90 minutes. Some 50 million cans have been produced in the past four weeks

Black lifts stake in Telegraph

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

HOLLINGER, the Canadian publishing group controlled by Conrad Black, has increased its stake in The Telegraph, holding company of *The Daily Telegraph*, from 57.9 per cent to 58.2 per cent.

First, DT Holdings, a subsidiary of Hollinger, bought 400,000 shares through Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker, on Friday. Half of the shares were bought at 348p and the other half at 347p.

Last month, Mr Black, who is chairman of both Hollinger and The Telegraph, said he planned to lift his stake from 57 per cent to about 62 per cent by buying up to 6.8 million shares. He had bought 1.4 million shares before yesterday's announcement.

In May, Hollinger raised £73 million when it sold 12.5 million Telegraph shares at 587p, recouping its entire investment in the company.

A month later, the shares plunged by 191p to 349p, after The Telegraph announced it was cutting the weekday cover price of *The Daily Telegraph* and gave warning that the move would cost up to £40 million in a full year. The Stock Exchange launched an inquiry into Hollinger's share dealings, but the company was subsequently cleared.

Last Thursday, The Telegraph announced an operating loss of £2.6 million in the three months to September 30.

Soros severs links with British Land

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

GEORGE Soros, the American currency speculator, is severing his relationship with British Land and pulling out of the British property market by selling his stake in his joint venture with British Land only a year after the venture was established.

British Land announced yesterday that it is buying the 51.1 per cent stake in the British Land Quantum Property Fund for £142 million. The joint venture was originally scheduled to run for ten years, but now the Quantum UK Realty Fund, which owned the shares in the joint venture, will be liquidated and its £270 million funds returned to its 200 shareholders.

The fund, an offshoot of George Soros's main Quantum Fund, blamed its abrupt decision to liquidate on a complete change in investment markets since it was established in October last year. Richard Katz, chairman of the Quantum UK Realty Fund, said: "That was another world. Interest rates were very different then and property prices were much lower."

Mr Katz denied that the decision to liquidate the fund was caused by any financial pressure on Mr Soros or the *Quantum Fund. He said that* the fall in bond and share prices had created other opportunities for investment.

The joint venture between George Soros and British Land was first announced in June last year and provided some much needed cheer in the British property market when prices were depressed. The venture was intended to run until 2003 and to invest up to £1 billion in the market.

Mr Soros said he was satisfied with the properties bought by British Land but he had decided that other investments were now more attractive. "As investment advisers, we are guided first and foremost by the interests of the Quantum UK Realty Fund's shareholders to the exclusion of our own and we consider that more attractive long-term investment opportunities have opened up." Investors in the fund will receive around £100 for every £100 share they bought last year.



Soros: out after a year

British Land is buying the properties bought since the beginning of April at cost and the rest at their value on March 31, which demonstrates how flat the British property market has been during the summer. John Weston Smith, finance director, said that the company had had the first option on the stake when Mr Soros decided to sell. "We think it is a great deal for us. We bought all these properties because we wanted them and would have exercised our option at the first opportunity."

The properties bought by the joint venture include office buildings and retail developments and a 29.9 per cent stake in Stanhope, the troubled property business. British Land bought this to try to negotiate the acquisition of the Broadgate and Ludgate developments, which are half owned by Stanhope, in the City.

Mr Soros added that if investors in the Quantum UK Realty Fund wanted to continue to invest in the British property market, they should use the money from the fund to buy British Land shares directly. Mr Soros still holds around 4 million shares in British Land but a question marks hangs over the long-term ownership of the stake.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3121.0	(-10.0)
Yield	4.11%	
FT-SE A All share	1550.01	(-4.31)
Nikkei	19121.72	(-130.64)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3824.35	(+9.09)*
S&P Composite	462.19	(+0.72)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹⁵/₁₆%*	(5¹⁵/₁₆%)
Long Bond	92²⁹/₃₂*	(92³¹/₃₂)
Yield	8.14%*	(8.13%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅝	(5¹⁵/₁₆)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	102¹³/₃₂	(102¹/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5665*	(1.5660)
London:		
$	1.5665	(1.5675)
DM	2.4426	(2.4379)
FFr	8.3370	(8.3700)
SFr	2.0695	(2.0663)
Yen	154.07	(154.36)
£ Index	79.9	(79.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5597*	(1.5553)
FFr	5.3522*	(5.3410)
SFr	1.3220*	(1.3185)
Yen	98.37*	(98.58)
$ Index	62.6	(62.5)

Tokyo close Yen 98.66

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb) $16.75 ($16.45)

GOLD

London close $383.15 ($384.50)

* denotes midday trading price

Advice for US

The latest Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development report says that US short-term interest rates will have to rise substantially by the end of next year to prevent inflation getting out of hand.
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Ethics question

The National Westminster Bank/*The Times* Business Ethics Essay Competition asks if commerce and morality can mix as it sets out to answer if ethical standards today are lower than in previous generations.
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M&S holds Spanish sites talks

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

MARKS and Spencer yesterday confirmed it is in talks with Galerias Preciados, Spain's second biggest department stores group, to acquire a number of prime sites throughout the country.

An M&S spokesman refused to comment on the number or location of sites under consideration, but said the cost of any deal would be immaterial to the group as a whole. M&S already has five stores in Spain and has made it clear it intends to raise that number to about 15 as part of its European expansion.

This is not the first time M&S has cast its eye over Galerias Preciados. In 1992, it looked at buying some of the larger stores from the receivers of Mountleigh, the property group that used to own Galerias Preciados. The company was eventually sold to management for £124 million.

M&S has announced plans to spend £1.25 billion expanding at home and abroad over the next three years.

'Feel good factor' on the rise

BY COLIN NARBROUGH AND LIZ DOLAN

CONSUMER confidence improved slightly this month, with the "feel good factor" close to its best in the present economic upswing, according to the latest Gallup survey.

The "feel good factor" measures how consumers see their household's financial position changing in the coming 12 months. The balance of optimists against pessimists was minus 8, the best since September last year, against minus 11 for this September. Of respondents to the survey, conducted for the European Commission, 27 per cent expect their finances to worsen, with 19 per cent expecting improvement.

The findings appeared to be at odds with falling retail sales indicated by last week's distributive trades' survey from the CBI. Official figures for retail sales last week showed a slowdown in October, but with the uptrend intact.

The Gallup survey showed that an increased proportion of consumers expect the economy to improve over the next year. On jobs, 45 per cent expect unemployment to rise, against 20 per cent expecting a fall.

Britain's trade deficit with countries outside the European Union (EU) widened for the second month in a row in October, according to Government figures. The seasonally adjusted, non-EU deficit increased to £410 million last month from £333 million in September as import volumes rebounded from the depressed levels seen earlier this year. The September shortfall was originally given as £349 million.

Trade in oil swung to a deficit of £75 million in October from a £46 million surplus in September, possibly reflecting stockpiling by oil companies before the Budget.

☐ Shoppers plan to spend very little more on Christmas this year than last, according to a separate quarterly Gallup poll, commissioned by Barclays Bank. Consumers have earmarked £325 for Christmas, compared with £318 last year.

Small firms prefer small banks

BY ROBERT MILLER

MORE bad news for the big four high street banks. A survey published yesterday by the Forum of Private Business shows that they are losing out on market share to smaller banks.

Barclays and NatWest, who account for 50 per cent of the small business market, came out worst in *Small Businesses and Their Banks 1994*. They lost out to smaller banks such as Allied Irish, Yorkshire, Bank of Scotland and Clydesdale, which scored top marks for efficiency, quality of service and pricing.

On price, efficiency and relationship, Barclays was ranked as significantly worse than at least five other banks by business owners, 5,500 of whom took part in the survey. NatWest was worse than at least five others on price, but better than at least two on accessibility.

TSB was voted the worst bank with a satisfaction rating of 44.2 per cent, well below the 48.5 per cent recorded by Barclays or the 50 per cent by NatWest. All except TSB improved their satisfaction ratings since the last survey in 1992.

The survey, which was written by independent economists at the University of Nottingham, found that small firms were put off changing banks because they perceived little difference in alternative banks or were worried about the difficulties involved.

Stephen Mendham, chief executive of the 23,000-strong Forum of Private Business, said: "The banks have a duty to encourage and reward the participating small business owner by giving them greater security and help in the relationship." The British Bankers' Association said: "Businesses with no axe to grind about their banks are less likely to respond so the results of any self-selected sample, no matter how large, will always exaggerate any discontent."

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Portillo to set 'new agenda for jobs' in Europe

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

MICHAEL Portillo, the Employment Secretary, will today set out a "new jobs agenda" for Europe, declaring that the aim of Brussels should be to create rather than destroy jobs. His move, to be set out in a speech to company directors, will further fuel divisions within the Conservative Party over Europe by taking a strongly anti-Brussels tone.

Business leaders, concerned at Brussels' employment policies, will also welcome Mr Portillo's first sustained attempt at putting into place his own agenda on social Europe. In a speech tonight to the Institute of Directors, Mr Portillo will look forward to the EU social affairs council's next meeting, and argue that European employment ministers should not be absorbed with an "old agenda" that does little or nothing to create jobs.

Referring to a speech two weeks ago by Padraig Flynn, Social Affairs Commissioner, at the CBI's annual conference, Mr Portillo will welcome his conclusion that there is no need for a major new programme of Europe-wide social legislation. He will also welcome the emphasis being given to job creation in Mr Flynn's White Paper on future social policy.

He will set out a five-point "New Jobs Agenda for Europe", which he wants social ministers to agree:

☐ **Job finding:** The social affairs council should encourage member states to adopt labour market policies that will give unemployed people, especially the long-term unemployed, the best chance of finding a job.

☐ **Training:** It should support member states' policies to improve work-related education and training.

☐ **Qualifications:** The council should take fresh action to ensure freedom of movement, including ensuring that qualifications and experience gained in one country are properly recognised in another.

☐ **Implementation:** Ministers on the council should ensure that already agreed legislation is effectively implemented throughout Europe.

☐ **Updating law:** Mr Portillo will call on the council to re-examine existing European-wide labour market regulation, some of it more than 20 years old, to see whether it is still relevant, or whether it stands in the way of job creation.

He will combine this programme with a warning against further regulation of employment law at the European level. Further regulation, he will say, "would reduce the flexibility of European labour markets and damage European competitiveness".

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BA appeals against Air France state aid

BRITISH AIRWAYS and a group of European airlines have filed a legal appeal against the approval by Brussels in July of a Fr20 billion package of state aid for Air France, the troubled French national carrier. The joint appeal, lodged yesterday with the European Court of First Instance in Luxembourg, claims that the European Commission's decision was "defective in appreciation of fact and law" and contravened the Treaty of Rome.

The airline group, which issued a statement of intent concerning the legal challenge last month, also includes Air UK; KLM, the Dutch national carrier; SAS, the Nordic carrier half owned by Norway, Sweden and Denmark; TAT, BA's French associate airline; and Euralair, another French carrier. The joint appeal is aimed at ensuring that applications for state aid are dealt with properly, that only a minimum is approved and that conditions for the aid are met fully. British Midland plans a separate appeal.

Diploma lifts payout

DIPLOMA, the diversified industrial group, is increasing its total dividend to 13.5p a share from 12p after lifting taxable profits to £25 million from £20.4 million in the year to the end of September. The final dividend is 4p (3.5p), payable on January 13. Turnover rose to £191 million from £158 million, resulting in operating profits of £23.8 million, against £20.2 million previously. Diploma, which saw cash balances ease to £24 million (£28 million), earned £1 million (£1.4 million) in interest. Earnings were 28.6p a share, up from 24.9p. Shares rose 10p to 448p.

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Four suitors for Kemper

FOUR separate US corporations are being linked with Kemper, the huge mutual fund and life insurance broker, after Conseco dropped its plan to pay $3.25 billion, or $67 a share, in a takeover deal agreed for the company in June. Heading the list of probable suitors is General Electric, which bid as much as $60 a share, or $2.4 billion as recently as last May. Others include SunAmerica insurance group of Los Angeles, Dean Witter and Chubb. Analysts said the collapse of the Conseco bid had weakened Kemper, and that the price would be far below the $67 a share level.

Vibroplant shares drop

VIBROPLANT, the plant hire company, said it was concerned about the robustness of the economic recovery in Britain, with demand slackening in the past two months. Its shares fell 10p to 120p yesterday, in spite of news of a rise in taxable profits to £2.78 million in the half-year to the end of September, from £1.48 million previously. Earnings increased to 3.87p a share from 2.08p and the interim dividend is lifted to 1.35p a share from 1.22p, payable on January 9. UK profits surged to £2.64 million from £1.42 million, in spite of a fragile recovery in construction and industrial markets.

Southnews confident

SOUTHNEWS, the regional newspaper publisher based in London, said the company would continue to benefit from an upturn in the advertising market. Gareth Clark, chairman, said that in spite of ongoing competitive pressures and anticipated increases in newsprint prices, a satisfactory outcome was expected this year. Pre-tax profits rose to £1.4 million from £874,000 in the half year to October 1 and earnings advanced to 6.14p a share from 3.82p. The interim dividend is 1.35p a share, raised from 0.95p, to be paid on January 13. The shares rose 3p to 238p.

F&C utilities trust grows

FOREIGN & COLONIAL (F&C) special utilities trust reported that total assets had risen from £48.5 million to £62.2 million since its launch last year until September 30. A maiden final dividend of 1.54p is recommended, making a full-year dividend of 2.64p. F&C's Eurotrust also reported its year-end results, with a 7.7 per cent increase in net assets to £140.6 million. The dividend is unchanged at 1.23p. Interim results from F&C's German investment trust showed a fall of 5 per cent in the net assets per share to 143.3p. There is no dividend.

Ciba lifts Chiron stake



CIBA-GEIGY, the Swiss pharmaceutical group, is to acquire a 49.9 per cent stake in Chiron Corp, the American biotechnology company. Ciba, headed by Heini Lippuner, left, will make a tender offer for 11.9 million shares, or 37.3 per cent of Chiron, at $117 per share. Ciba already holds 11.4 million Chiron shares and will receive 6.6 million new shares in exchange for parts of its existing business.

Oil prices move higher

WORLD oil prices moved higher yesterday after a call by Saudi Arabia to freeze Opec's output limit for next year. Brent blend crude futures for January delivery, the world benchmark, were trading around $17.06 a barrel in London, up 33 cents from Friday's close. Brokers said that if Opec maintains its 24.52 million barrel per day (bpd) production ceiling – in place since September 1993 – demand growth in the second half of 1995 would lever prices higher. Opec's economic commission board has forecast total world demand rising 840,000 bpd in 1995 to 65.91 million bpd.

US interest rates must go on rising says OECD

By Colin Narbrough

US short-term interest rates will have to rise substantially by the end of next year, possibly even sooner, to prevent any pick-up in inflation, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The latest report from the OECD says America's macro-economic performance has been remarkably good over the past two years and appears to be fundamentally sound for the immediate future. The report was drawn up before the Federal Reserve last week surprised Wall Street with an aggressive 0.75 percentage-point rise in short-term interest rates, which raised the Fed funds rate to 5.50 per cent and the discount rate to 4.75 per cent.

The survey's projection of a 5.25 per cent Fed funds rate by the end of this year has been overtaken, but it projects that the rate will climb to 6.25 per cent in the second half of next year.

Low interest rates played a major part in the first 2½ years of the current American recovery. The OECD expects economic growth to slow to 2.9 per cent next year from 3.8 per cent this year, with inflation across the whole economy picking up from 2.1 per cent to 2.8 per cent, well below the peak of the last cycle. The report warns the Clinton Administration that inadequate and poorly timed monetary tightening is unlikely to be offset by intervention in the currency markets to support the dollar, which hit a postwar low against the yen this month. Faced with a current account deficit widening by $14 billion to $161 billion next year, America will continue to need huge inflows of capital and must retain investor confidence in the dollar, the OECD says.

The report calls for long-term fiscal consolidation to be given top priority. Healthcare reform, one of the frustrated priorities of the Clinton Administration, will not be enough in itself, and further spending cuts will have to come in social security, the organisation says.

In spite of urging such politically sensitive cuts, the report says "it is worsening social problems that give grounds for concern as one looks further into the future". It concludes that many problems are related to gulf in education and other areas between the rich and the poor. "Only if these inequities are attended to will the long-term economic future of the nation be secure".

DES JENSON



Robert Alcock, Norcros' managing director, left, and Gavin Morris, finance director, after yesterday's figures

Norcros hit by £2m of dearer raw materials

By Susan Gilchrist

PROBLEMS in passing on raw material price rises held back profits at Norcros, the building materials to printing and packaging group.

Michael Doherty, chairman, said it had been forced to absorb £2 million of costs in the first half from raw material price rises of up to 30 per cent in some building products. He said: "We have been unable to pass some of the rises on to customers, so we have had to take the costs on board. This has inevitably put pressure on margins."

Mr Doherty said the group had tried to offset this by cutting costs. About 200 jobs have been cut, although this incurred a one-off reorganisation charge of £1 million.

As a result, operating profits fell 15 per cent to £10.7 million from £12.6 million in the six months to September 30. But a £1.3 million exceptional profit on a property deal and a lower interest charge ensured pre-tax profits rose to £8.98 million from £7.36 million.

The most disappointing performance came from building products, the business most severely affected by raw material price rises, where profits more than halved. Mr Doherty said progress was held back by the sluggish state of the housing market. "There was some activity in the first six months but this has now tailed off as people have become more concerned about interest rate rises." He expects little upturn in the near future.

Profits edged up at the ceramics division, in spite of a fall in sales, while print and packaging showed strong growth. A further £1.5 million was raised from property sales during the period, leaving £24.9 million of properties left to be sold.

Mr Doherty said that the situation on raw material prices had begun to stabilise and the worst was now over. The interim dividend is held at 3.5p, to be paid on February 6.

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Companies 'overstretched' by increased demand

By Our Industrial Editor

COMPANIES are increasingly working at higher capacity levels – with some now starting to report they are being "overstretched" by demand, according to a survey yesterday suggesting continued economic improvement.

"Manufacturers in the key machine tool industry are also set to see significant growth as companies invest to maintain competitiveness, new forecasts for the sector show.

Both pieces of evidence lend support to ministers' claims of sustainable economic recovery, although they also give warnings about price and other pressures in the economy, as well as continuing hesitancy in consumer spending.

The findings from Trade Indemnity, the credit management company, suggest that capacity constraints in industry may be looming. In a survey of almost 700 mainly exporting companies, only 3 per cent are operating at below 50 per cent capacity level, compared with 26 per cent for the same quarter last year.

TI said that this "sharp fall" was the "twin result of capacity reductions and increasing demand, giving a stronger twist to utilisation rates".

Just over two-fifths are operating at an optimium capacity rate of 75-90 per cent, with clothing makers and paper and printing manufacturers the busiest, while 7 per cent report they are now overstretched in terms of their capacity to meet demand.

However, activity levels overall dropped back in the third quarter of this year, with the balance of companies seeing an increase in activity – reached by netting those reporting a rise against those registering a decrease – falling from 52 to 42 per cent.

Barbara Bennett, of TI, said that while the survey indicated economic improvement, "the upward pressure on raw materials' prices and an increase in the average value of long-term debts are both significant negative trends that will need watching".

Forecasts prepared for the Machine Tool Technologies Association by Oxford Economic Forecasting are predicting that UK machine tool market sales are set to grow from £280 million in 1995, to £380 million in 1997, while exports are expected to increase by a third in 1996.

Surplus increase for Stock Exchange

By Robert Miller

AFTER being forced to write off an £83 million investment in Taurus, the ill-fated paperless trading and settlement system, the Stock Exchange is on a financially sounder footing this year, albeit on a reduced income. The final provision for Taurus was made at the year-end of 1993, when the amount was £37 million.

John Kemp-Welch, chairman of the London Stock Exchange, yesterday announced that income fell to £97.8 million in the six months to September 30, against £98.1 million in the same period last year. In the same period, the Stock Exchange made provision for liabilities and charges of £28.9 million compared with £11.1 million last time.

Mr Kemp-Welch said the fall in income was due to the expected fall in revenue from information services as a result of the transfer of customers to new Topic services provided by ICV and Telekurs. Some members of the Stock Exchange have questioned the wisdom of sub-contracting screen-based information services as it will reduce the annual income flow.

The Stock Exchange, which made no reference to its proposed share stake in the Crest paperless system now being administered by the Bank of England, reduced its operating costs by 13 per cent to £77.5 million. After a tax provision of £8.6 million, there was a £13 million surplus, against £1.9 million last time.

Mr Kemp-Welch said: "This surplus will help fund the continued planned investment in the next phase of Sequence [the new computerised trading system] and preparations for the move to five-day rolling settlement."

Nintendo hit by slump in exports

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

NINTENDO, the world's biggest video game maker, suffered a first-half drop in net profit, demonstrating that even the firm that gave mankind the Game Boy cannot escape setbacks.

The company said yesterday that in the six months to September 30 its net profit dropped 18 per cent to 26.66 billion yen (£172 million).

Export sales slumped, especially to Europe. In spite of the popularity of its Super Game Boy, sales were 36 per cent lower at ¥166 billion, reflecting weak overall demand.

Nintendo in part attributed its difficulties to the strength of the yen this year, but said that it was having difficulties selling its old games in a market eagerly awaiting its new games. Last week, it launched Virtual Boy a 32-bit virtual reality game machine that should be on the shelves early next year, and promised to put Project Reality, a 64-bit game machine on the market in September, as part of its drive to raise sales.

☐ BCE Holdings is funding the previously announced acquisition of Rage Software and Software Creations by cash, a share placing, and loan note issues.

BCE is paying a total of £13.8 million for the Rage and Software companies with £3.05 million in cash. The balance of the deal will be satisfied by the issue of 54.3 million shares and £4.8 million in a variety of loan note issues.

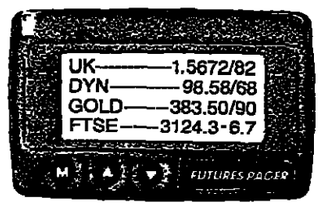
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Logic defies the numbers

☐ COURAGE is needed to be a Rolls-Royce shareholder. Before you sign for any shares, you should have to swear a pledge that you trust and believe that the aerospace industry will one day recover and that your company will be able to clean up once the world appreciates the merits of the Trent engine.

Such a pledge is needed since Rolls demands unswerving loyalty. First it cuts the dividend to a token, then it calls on investors to provide the cash to repair its tattered balance sheet. Now as a company with hardly any profit but superb products and bags of potential, what does it do? It goes and buys another company with no profits, but great products and bags of potential. Look down at the small print and, yes, the shareholders are once again expected to foot the bill.

The industrial logic behind Rolls' acquisition of Allison is hard to fault. It gives the group a manufacturing base in America and substantially broadens the group's product range, which has always looked rather too narrow for comfort. Allison's investment in four new engines gives it a strong position in key sectors of the aerospace market, particularly small helicopters and large transport aeroplanes. If nothing else the group has now covered all the options for the Future Large Aircraft for which it can supply jet or turboprop engines.

The acquisition also provides Rolls-Royce with the product to sell and service through a worldwide marketing infrastructure which was looking increasingly top heavy given the current dearth of orders. Allison has more engines in service than any other aerospace company in the world, providing it with a solid revenue base that Rolls should be able to turn into profit with further slices at the cost base.

But there will inevitably be doubters who try to shake the faith of Rolls' loyal followers. Some will ask why the value of Allison has risen by $150 million since its management buy-out from General Motors in December last year. Others will question whether Rolls should be taking on another business that is all potential and no profit when the commercial success of its own new generation of products hangs in the balance.

They may have their say when Rolls passes the hat round next spring, if the deal passes under the gaze of the federal authorities. At the current share price Rolls will need to hold a one for five rights issue, since it does not want to sully its ungeared balance sheet.

Then again, the faithful will reply that this is exactly the sort of investment the City should support. On countless occasions, foreign companies have bought British technology on the cheap, just as it reached commercial viability. For once a British company has seized the opportunity to do the same overseas, and steal a march on its American competitors. That is the sort of jingoistic industrial fighting talk to defeat any amount of cold number crunching.

So long, Soros, but it could not last

☐ GEORGE Soros always looked an unlikely operator in the British property market. Here was a man who measures time by the blips on his foreign exchange screen suddenly tying himself down to a ten-year investment in illiquid assets.

Soros's reputation was riding so high a year ago, however, that



nobody cared to question his sudden change of direction. The financial world had crowned him the investment guru of all ages, after his successful bet on the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism. If George said British property was cheap, then no-one was going to argue.

Ironically it was Soros' inflated reputation that ensured an early separation from John Ritblat and British Land. Property might well have looked cheap when Soros and Ritblat first sealed the knot in June last year, with yields well above gilts. But everyone became so excited that the Soros millions were coming to town that the values of the most ordinary office blocks and shop parades started to rise. By the time the British Land Quantum Property Fund was open for business four months later, most of the potential profit had already vanished. The fund has also been torpedoed by the slump in the bond markets this year. The rise in bond yields now makes property look expensive, while the parallel increase in US interest rates has made the cost of funding such diversions look dear.

Soros may not be queueing for the soup kitchen yet, but the slump in bond prices and the relative stagnation of the foreign exchange markets has not done him or the Quantum Fund any good at all this year, and he no longer has the time or resources to devote to sidelines like British property. That, and undoubted disillusionment among his investors, has forced him into an undignified and expensive retreat.

Ritblat has dictated harsh terms in the divorce settlement, understandably since he cannot be too pleased that his ready supply of investment cash is vanishing so soon. That will make his designs on the Broadgate and Ludgate developments harder to achieve. Then again, if British Land wanted a long-term partner, it should have chosen someone whose timeframe stretched further than next settlement day.

Pushing Brussels to create jobs

☐ MICHAEL Portillo rightly challenges the EU's social affairs commissioner to create jobs instead of frightening off employers. But he is not focusing on the area where Britain can offer the best example. Add-on costs, notably labour taxes on employers, are far lower in Britain than in other big EU economies.

The Delors employment report last year recognised that such social security taxes raised labour costs artificially and stifled demand. Even in Britain, graded employers' national insurance contributions add an average 7.5 per cent to labour costs before allowing for the sickness and other costs now being passed back to employers. Though previously quiet on the subject, senior business folk now see this as a big deterrent to job creation. A pre-Budget survey of 700, by accountants Ernst & Young, found that cuts in employers' NICs and related charges were rated the most effective single measure to allow them to take on more people. By contrast, reversing employment protection laws drew little support.

Labour taxes stay because they raise so much money, a budgeted £24 billion in Britain this year. The Employment Policy Institute has used some lateral thinking to clear this roadblock. If serious new energy taxes were brought in to cut CO2 emissions, either by raising real petrol duties at 10 per cent a year or via the Brussels-favoured carbon/energy tax, the proceeds could eliminate employers' NICs in Britain. The net effect, on this model, would be to create an extra 500,000 jobs in ten years in Britain alone.

Such ideas should enthuse Brussels, if only because labour taxes really need harmonising, preferably at zero. If VAT rates need to be comparable for a fair single market, labour taxes are an even more basic building block. Mr Portillo may care to argue that Britain could not possibly join a single currency if France or Germany could then slash their labour costs at a stroke. In effect, labour tax differentials would allow devaluation within a monetary union. These taxes must be eliminated first, and soon.

Emap casts an acquisitive eye at Maclean Hunter

BY MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

EMAP, the fast-growing media group, is among the potential bidders for Maclean Hunter, the business magazine publisher and owner of *UK Press Gazette* being sold by its new Canadian parent.

Maclean Hunter, which with sales of £45 million could be worth £40 to £60 million, is the biggest of a number of bolt-on acquisitions being considered at Emap, whose activities span business and consumer magazines, local papers, radio and exhibitions.

In addition, the group, just completing the reorganisation of its newly expanded French arm, is experimenting with small partnerships in other countries such as Spain and Germany, although these are unlikely to bear fruit for another four or five years, David Arculus, the managing director, said.

He said that Emap, of which Sir John Hoskyns is chairman, was currently blocked from expanding another fast-growing area, radio, by the prohibitive rules governing the industry. The group is running second in size of turnover behind Capital Radio and is pinning its hopes on an early change in the rules by the Radio Authority, the industry's governing body.

A relaxation thought to be under consideration and possible early next year would allow Emap, which earlier this year bought the Trans World Communications group, owner of the Piccadilly and Red Rose stations in the North West, to add perhaps another three main metropolitan licences.

The company unveiled the fruits of earlier expansion in the shape of a 34 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £22.2 million, on turnover up 38 per cent to £234 million, in the six months to October 1. Underlying pre-tax profits across the group, disregarding acquisitions and launch expenses, rose 24 per cent.

Robin Miller, chief executive, said that revenues from the group's titles had grown by 11 per cent on a like-for-like basis and discounting acquisitions, two thirds of this improvement coming from higher advertising revenue. Profits had similarly risen 20 per cent.

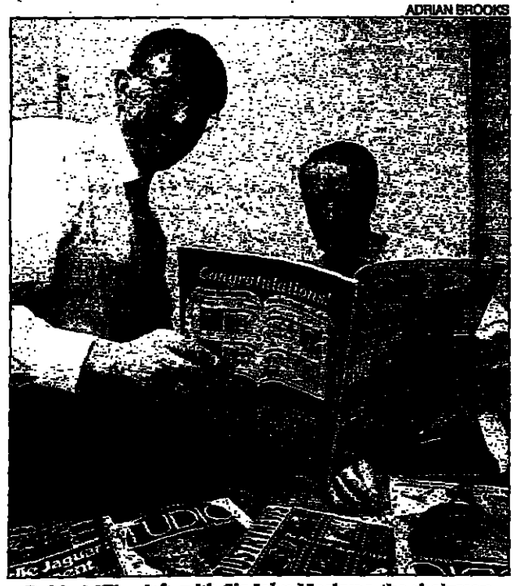
The interim dividend is up from 2.22p to 2.50p, paid out of earnings almost 30 per cent ahead at 7.9p.

Mr Miller said that advertising revenue from newspapers gained 11 per cent. The rate for job vacancies was 42 per cent ahead on the back of the economic recovery. In consumer magazines, revenues were 16 per cent better.

The only cloud on the horizon was rising newsprint prices, with a 15 per cent increase due in the new year, although the rise for magazine paper would be limited to 11 per cent. The real cost of paper would then, in real terms, still be 50 per cent below its 1989-90 peak.

Mr Miller said the use of existing stocks would limit the damage, and the price rise would have only a minimal effect on this year's profits.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Robin Miller, left, with Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman

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Receivers in as Ciro loses lustre

THE demise of senseless spending among the rich has hit Ciro Pearls, the upmarket imitation jewellery retailer, which yesterday went into receivership (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Peter Tuch and Tony Brierley, of Arthur Andersen, have been appointed joint administrative receivers to the Bond Street-based company. Mr Tuch said Ciro's problems were caused by its US parent company, which filed for Chapter 11 protection about two weeks ago. He believes the UK operation has a viable future and should be sold as a going concern. A number of potential buyers have already come forward.

In the UK, Ciro generates annual sales of £7 million.

EU jobless rate steady at 10.7%

UNEMPLOYMENT in the European Union remained at 10.7 per cent in September, unchanged from the previous month, Eurostat, the EU's statistics agency, reported yesterday.

The rate was unchanged from September 1993. Eurostat estimated that 17.1 million people were unemployed in the 12-nation trade bloc in September. The EU population is 340 million.

The jobless rate is down for men, but has risen among women. Joblessness has fallen for people under the age of 25, but has risen for those older. The rates have fallen most in Britain, the Republic of Ireland and Denmark during the past year.

Europe pays dividends for Filofax

FILOFAX, the personal organiser specialist, yesterday reported a 68 per cent jump in profits in the first half (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Pre-tax profits rose to £2.1 million from £1.3 million in the six months to September 30 on sales of £13.7 million, up from £8.3 million. Although the bottom line benefited from a two-month contribution from Henry Ling, the greetings card business acquired in July, underlying profits from continuing businesses still rose 42 per cent.

Robin Field, chief executive, said the improvement was fuelled by increased penetration of continental Europe. Like-for-like sales grew more than 50 per cent from the region and the group is looking for further acquisitions.

Current trading has started well in the run-up to Christmas. The interim dividend is increased to 1.05p (0.75p) and will be paid on March 31.

TeleWest shines among new issues

BY MARTIN WALLER AND PHILIP PANGALOS

THE first successful flotation of a British cable company in London will be announced today, and the price at which shares in TeleWest are being offered to the market is likely to be at the top end of the company's own expectations.

The issue is expected to be priced at just short of 185p, against an indicated range announced by TeleWest this month of 165p to 190p. At today's price, the entire company, which aborted a flotation six months ago, will be worth about £1.8 billion.

The price will be announced before the start of conditional trading in London and New York, at 2.30 today. The "book-building" exercise, whereby potential investors were invited to bid for shares, closed yesterday, and institutions will also now learn how many shares have been allocated to each. The offer for TeleWest formally closes at the end of the month, by which date institutions are required to put up the money for their shares.

The news came after the fragile new issues market suffered further blows as more companies decided to delay flotation because of unfavourable market conditions.

Hanson Industries, Lord Hanson's US arm, has decided to pull back from its plans to float its Ertl toymaking business in New York. Hanson would have received $200 million from the float's proceeds and retained a stake of up to 37 per cent.

Samax, the London mining company with interests in Africa, announced plans to delay its flotation until early next year. The company, which has a graphite mine in Tanzania and a gold mine in Ghana, had intended to raise about £16 million to pay off debts and fund development. The proposed flotation was set to take place this month, with impact day due today. A spokesman said the response to the issue was very good in New York, but the response was "disappointing" in the UK and Europe.

However, Seaperfect made a respectable market debut yesterday, ending first-day dealings at 125p, a 5p premium to its issue price.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Turnover slumps on fear of rise in interest rates

UNDERLYING stock market volume slumped to one of its lowest levels this year as the spectre of higher interest rates came back to haunt investors. Warnings over the weekend that Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was ready to raise rates to slow down forecast economic growth of almost 4 per cent set the tone for another dismal performance by shares.

It prompted a sell-off in the futures market which was accelerated by news of a further widening of the trade deficit with non-EC countries during October.

The falls might have been greater, but were offset to a certain extent by soothing comments about interest rates by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, a stronger dollar and an opening rise on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 15 points at one stage, closed 10 lower at 3,121.

There seems little incentive for investors to open fresh positions ahead of Thursday's Bundesbank meeting to decide upon the outlook for German interest rates which coincides with the closure of Wall Street for the Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Turnover once again fell to disappointing levels as the total number of shares changing hands was recorded as a meagre 395 million. A large percentage of the total was made up of trading in penny shares, including 12.6 million **Dragon Oil**, ¼p firmer at 2½p, 18.3 million **Wiggins Group**, unchanged at 6½p, 14.3 million **Aegis Group**, steady at 25½p, 11.6 million **Porter Chadburn**, 1p firmer at 39p, 8.3 million **Middlesex**, ¼p cheaper at 7p, and 7 million **Bula Resources**, ¼p harder at 2¾p.

Among leading companies, VSEL stood out, with a jump of 30p at £15.18, as the City waited patiently for **GEC** to come back with a higher offer and counter the increased terms from **British Aerospace**, 4p lower at 442p. Last week, BAe raised its cash offer to match the £14 a share being offered by GEC, 1½p lighter at 286p.

Rolls-Royce stood out with a rise of 2p to 185p as the City gave a thumbs-up to its proposed $525 million acquisition of Allison Engines from Clayton Dubilier and Rice, the US group. The deal will be funded by fresh equity, with a rights issue to raise more than £300 million the most likely course of action. Hoare Govett, the broker, moved quickly to upgrade its profit forecast for Rolls for 1995, from £125 million to £160 million.

Wellcome, up 13p at 676p, and **Glaxo**, 12p better at 624p, were two companies to benefit from a stronger dollar. But the move masked a decision by Glaxo to pull out of an agreement signed in March, allowing Wellcome an option to develop the group's anti-HIV treatment 3TC. But both groups were continuing to talk about commercial co-operation over 3TC in a combination therapy which, when taken in conjunction with Wellcome's Retrovir, had produced the most notable delay in the spread of HIV.

Emap, the publisher, added 5p at 405p on the back of a 34 per cent leap in half-year pre-tax profits to £22.2 million.

Norcros, the building supplies group, ended the day 9p lower at 120p after brokers had had time to digest a mixed set of half-year figures. These showed pre-tax profits were 22 per cent ahead at £9 million, helped by a 3 per cent rise in sales. But the market was concerned by the drop in operating profits, from £12.6 million to £10.7 million, after taking the view that the group could not pass on increases in raw materials to customers as well as absorbing re-organisation costs. The dividend was pegged at 3.5p.

Filofax, which became a symbol of the yuppie in the 1980s, rose 4p to 233p. It appears to be in much better shape these days, having gone into almost terminal decline, along with many of the wheeler-dealers it came to represent. Yesterday, the group reported a surge in half-year pre-tax profits from £1.26 million to £2.1 million.



An advance in the Filofax share price cheered executives Chris Brace, left, Richard Eteson, and Robin Field

Stanhope, the troubled property developer, lost an early lead to finish all-square at 15p as hopes of a full bid from John Ritblat's **British Land** began to fade. British Land has paid Quantum UK Realty Fund, controlled by financier George Soros, £142 million for its 50 per cent stake in the British Land Quantum Property Fund. Completion of the deal is likely to see gearing at British Land climb to almost 9 per cent, making the prospect of the long-awaited bid for Stanhope unlikely. British Land finished 12p lower at 383p.

Soros's withdrawal from the property sector after a brief 18 months also depressed the rest of the sector with falls recorded in **Land Securities**, 7p cheaper at 598p, **MEPC**, down 2p at 401p, and **Slough Estates**, 2p easier at 225p.

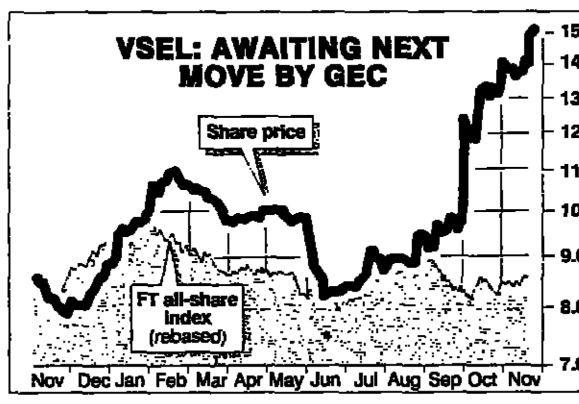
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilt prices opened firmer and traded in narrow limits for much of the day. Turnover was low with most fund managers resisting the urge to open fresh positions before Thursday's meeting of the Bundesbank to discuss German interest rates.

In spite of low turnover levels, the Bank of England felt confident enough to raise an extra £1 billion with the issue of further tap stocks, including £200 million of Treasury 7 per cent 2001, £200 million of Treasury 9 per cent 2008, £200 million of Treasury 9 per cent 2012 and £150 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2003. A further £250 of stock was issued to the Debt Commissioners.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished a couple of ticks firmer at £102$^{13}/_{32}$ with just 23,000 contracts completed. At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed a tick to £104½, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 eased £$^{1}/_{16}$ to £103$^{27}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were mixed at midday, with strength in oil and some high technology issues. The Dow Jones industrial average was 9.09 points ahead at 3,824.35.

Border Television firmed 1p to 178p as Bell Lawrie White rated it a buy. The broker says that Border is gaining market share. This is being reflected in profitability at the pre-tax level where £1.8 million has been pencilled in for the current year against £1.6 million last time; £2.5 million is forecast for 1996.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3824.35 (+9.09)
S&P Composite	462.19 (+0.72)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19121.72 (-180.84)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9303.24 (-124.20)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	411.19 (+1.34)
Sydney:	
AO	1909.5 (-12.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2105.28 (+5.06)
Singapore:	
Straits	2321.99 (-32.68)
Brussels:	
General	7207.99 (+21.39)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1927.83 (+1.33)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	661.40 (-1.10)
London:	
FT 30	2399.8 (-7.2)
FT 100	3121.0 (-10.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	3569.5 (-6.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1351.17 (+7.09)
FT A All-Share	1550.01 (-4.21)
FT Non Financials	1672.56 (-2.18)
FT Gold Mines	250.6 (-5.2)
FT Fixed Interest	108.15 (same)
FT Govt Secs	91.74 (+0.15)
Bargains	20088
SEAQ Volume	395.1m
USM (Datastrm)	153.98 (-0.20)
US$	1.5680 (-0.0005)
German Mark	2.4450 (+0.0068)
Exchange Index	79.9 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2772
£:SDR	1.0717
RPI	145.2 Oct (2.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	6	...
Abtrust Latin Am	87	...
Abtrust Latin Wts	52	...
Adare Prntg	190	+4
BZW Commodities (100)	88	...
BZW Commodities Wts	39	...
Calluna	96	-3
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Ennemix (63)	66	...
Fidelity Spec V Uts	491	...
Filtronic Comtek	173	+5
Finsbv Sml Cos C (100)	101	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	101	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	23	...
Hambros Sml Asian	56	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
H Gov 1000 Inv (100)	101	...
INVESCO Korea C	99	...
Irish Permanent (180)	220	...
JJB Sports (215)	231	+1
Prolific Inc A/L	484	-1
SeaPerfect (120)	125	...
Servisair (135)	156	+1
TLG (115)	126	...
Tele-Cine Cell (170)	167	-1
Whitchurch	60	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Apollo Metals n/p (77)	2	...
Kenwood App n/p (310)	25	...
Martin Int n/p (27)	3	...
Pressac n/p (85)	10	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
AAH	391p (+9p)
Glaxo	626p (+13½p)
Wellcome	675p (+12p)
Somic	102p (+15p)
Watmough	419p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Barclays	590p (-13p)
Vibroplant	120p (-9p)
Norcros	120p (-9p)
Bowmore Int	262p (-8p)
British Land	383p (-12p)
Linton Park	381p (-11p)
Johnson Fry	138p (-19p)
Sharelink	187p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Publishing pacemaker

THE half-time score at Emap was 21 for the football fans and minus 30 for the computer nerds. The rapid decline of the computer games industry, which sent circulation for Emap's games titles diving 30 per cent, contrasted with a sharp upturn in interest in the national past-time and a 21 per cent jump in sales of *Match Weekly*.

But Emap's football flagship, circulation 137,000 and rising, has a long way to go to catch *Tele Poche*, its biggest title, bought by almost one and a half million in France and part of the group's burgeoning interests there. Emap now has 11 per cent of the consumer magazine market there, not far short of its 14 per cent UK market share, but an enormous amount of work needs to be done there before returns match those in Britain.

Margins at Editions Mondiales, bought this summer, are just 5 per cent, not helped by government ownership of the system of distribution. Although the 17 per cent margins enjoyed at Emap's UK consumer magazines, themselves an industry by-word for rigid cost-control, are probably impossible, Emap reckons it can achieve double figures in a couple of years.

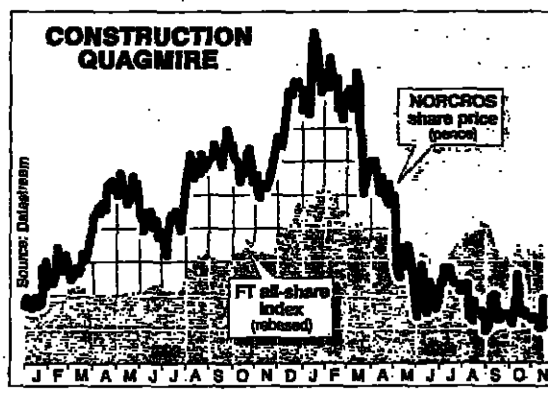
September's £77 million rights issue has taken care of the balance sheet, although this could come under pressure again after too many more "bolt-ons" of the size of Maclean Hunter, for which Emap is in the running. The pace of expansion has caused concern in the past, but the management has not put a foot wrong yet. The market trusts this will continue as the group expands in radio and overseas publishing and the share's forward earnings multiple is still well above 20.

Norcros

THE results may not yet show it, but Norcros has got a lot of things right. It has transformed itself from the amorphous conglomerate of five years ago to a more tightly focused operation concentrating on three core areas. It has a selection of branded products and has not been reluctant to cut costs. Last year's rights issue put the group on a reasonably sound financial footing and it is well placed to benefit from an upturn in the housing and construction markets.

But therein lies the problem. Recovery in its core markets never seems to come. There appeared to be some pick up in the housing market in the first six months of this year, but this petered out in the summer in the wake of fears on rising interest rates and tax increases. For Norcros, this recovery is vital. If people do not move house, it won't sell many of the kitchens, windows, showers or doors it needs to in order to fuel profit growth.

The company has limited scope for further cost reductions as it has already cut back dramatically. Even before the latest round of redundancies, staff numbers had been cut by a third. As Michael Doherty, the chairman, says, there is nothing left to squeeze out. Profits can now only move forward if there is a healthy increase in sales volumes. But until clearer evidence of this emerges, the shares are unlikely to make progress.



Diploma

A DOWNTURN in the deeply cyclical semi-conductor market is long overdue, but Diploma shows no sign of slowing. The company's forward order book is said to be solid even though some of last year's 22 per cent rise in sales was undoubtedly caused by its customers overstocking.

But Diploma's dominant electronics distribution business was not the star performer last year. Margins were eroded by more than a percentage point to 11.3 per cent as pricing came under pressure from manufacturers and suppliers.

Instead the laurels went to the group's Cinderella businesses, its building components and special steels divisions, which were more directly exposed to the general economic recovery.

The challenge for Diploma is to build its business to insulate itself against an inevitable downturn in the semi-conductor industry. Progress on this front is frustratingly sluggish. The gorup has £24 million in cash, yet its acquisition and development policy is deeply cautious and the company is heavily reliant on domestic turnover. While the other quoted electronic component distributors, have made inroads into continental Europe, Diploma has merely dipped a toe in Eastern Europe. That makes its shares, even on prospective earnings multiple of only 13, look fully priced.

BCE Holdings

WITH a brace of large deals and a snowstorm of paper, BCE, an unregarded snooker cue manufacturer, has converted itself into the first quoted computer game developer. Given the slide in Nintendo's profits, this might not appear the industry of the future, but BCE's backers are convinced that the current stagnation in game sales is merely a lull until more powerful equipment is launched.

The average game development company used to consist of a spotty teenager in the back bedroom, but no more. Modern games take tens of thousands of man hours to produce on high powered computers.

BCE's acquisitions of Rage and Software Creations carry all manner of risks. The market could die, the games flop or the star designers walk out. The prices of each company anticipate exponential profit growth, and the financial structure BCE has created for the acquisition, with three classes of loan notes and 150 million shares, looks as robust as a house of cards.

But software publishers currently change hands on stratospheric earnings multiples, and developers could well be next. A hit game or two would earn BCE millions in royalties. The shares are an interesting speculation.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	980-978	Mar	1054-1053
Mar	998-997	May	1068-1065
May	1002-1001	Jul	1080-1075
Jul	1010-1008	Sep	1088-1084
Sep	1020-1018		
Dec	1035-1034		Volume: 9435

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3045-3020	Jul	3020-3015
Jan	3080-3070	Sep	3005-3000
Mar	3045-3040	Nov	3000-2990
May	3025-3015		Volume: 5415

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	346.5-47.4
Spot: unq		Dec	347.9-44.3
Mar	387.8-87.0	Mar	347.5-43.8
May	382.7-81.7	May	347.5-41.8
Aug	374.4-73.3		Volume: 1614

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	73.78	107.18	116.35
(+/-)	+1.58	+4.72	+0.07
Eng/Wales:	73.78	107.33	116.80
(+/-)	+1.58	+5.04	+0.02
(%)	-29.0	-13.0	-3.0
Scotland:	unq	106.46	117.58
(+/-)		+2.90	+0.83
(%)		+10.0	-14.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.05	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.95	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.75	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.70	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.70	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 176 (+4)	O: 178 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	148 (-2)	151 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	150 (n/c)	151 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	150 (-2)	152 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	106 (n/c)	107 (n/c)
Naphtha	178 (+8)	182 (+8)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	148.50-48.75	Mar	152.75-53.00
Jan	151.00-51.25	Apr	151.50-52.00
Feb	152.50-52.75		Vol: 14854

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	16.96-16.97	Apr	16.41-16.47
Feb	16.73-16.76	May	16.32-16.42
Mar	16.53-16.58		Vol: 29485

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	104.50	Nov	101.50
Jan	105.40	Jan	102.40
Mar	107.25	Mar	104.75
May	109.30	May	92.00
Jul	110.90	Sep	95.00
Volume: 265		Volume: 10	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	285.0	276.50
May	unq	286.00
		Volume: 147

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Dec 81.50-82.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 94	1890	1884	1865
Dec 94	1900	1889	1889
Jan 95	1830	1805	1805
Apr 95	1730	1705	1705
Vol. 160 lots		Open interest: 2871	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2872.0-2874.0	2935.0-2838.0	1793000
Lead ($/tonne)	674.00-674.50	689.00-689.50	153950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1172.0-1173.0	1197.0-1197.5	361725
Tin ($/tonne)	6250.0-6260.0	6345.0-6350.0	36370
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1991.5-1992.0	1991.5-1992.0	1684225
Nickel ($/tonne)	7702.0-7703.0	7820.0-7830.0	70416

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	550	38	48½	56½	7	14	24
(*583½)	600	10	22	30	31½	38	50
Argyll	260	16	23½	29	7	13½	19½
(*269)	280	6½	14	19½	18½	24½	30½
ASDA	60	6	9½	11	1½	3	4
(*66)	70	2½	4½	5½	6½	8	9
Boots	500	27½	40½	49	10	15½	23
(*513½)	550	6½	17	25	41	43	49½
Br Airways	360	29	40½	47½	7½	13½	21
(*383)	390	11½	24½	32	21½	27½	36
BP	420	18½	27½	35½	11½	20	24½
(*423)	460	4	11½	19½	38	44	47½
Br Steel	140	17½	22½	25	1½	4	6½
(*155)	160	5	11½	14	4½	12½	15
C & W	390	20	34	41	14	23	27½
(*396½)	420	8½	21	28	32	39½	44
CU	493	44	51	—	5	16½	—
(*527½)	543	14½	25	—	26	45	—
ICI	750	54	66½	77½	5	25	33
(*797½)	800	24½	37½	51	28½	49½	57½
Kingfishr	460	26½	38½	42	12	19½	30
(*469)	500	9	21	29½	35½	42	52½
Land Sec	590	48½	57½	64½	3	7½	15
(*597½)	600	13½	27	33½	19½	27½	38
M & S	390	32	42½	47½	3½	8	13½
(*415)	420	12	24½	29½	14½	18½	26
Nat West	500	36	46½	56½	8½	24	30
(*522½)	550	11	22½	33½	33½	52	57½
Sainsbury	390	35	47	53	5	11	17
(*417½)	420	15½	29	35½	15	22	30½
Shell	700	28½	39	47	12	27	30½
(*710½)	750	7½	16	24	42	57½	60
Smkl Bch	420	21	32½	40	13	22	27½
(*426)	460	6½	15½	23	38	44½	50
Storehse	200	21½	25½	29	2½	4	8
(*219)	220	8	13½	17½	10	12½	16½
Trafalgar	80	6	9	11½	3½	5½	7
(*83)	90	2	4½	7	9½	11	12½
Unilever	1100	45½	66½	79½	17½	36	47½
(*1119)	1150	20½	41	55	43	63	73½
Zeneca	850	37	52	64	21	40½	48½
(*858*)	900	15	28½	42	50	70	77½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	390	15	25½	33½	1	14½	19
(*404½)	420	1	10½	19½	16½	31½	35½
Ladbroke	160	7½	14½	19	1	6	11½
(*169½)	180	0½	6	10½	14½	17½	23½
Utd Bisc	300	27½	35	40½	0	3½	10
(*327½)	330	1½	16	22½	4½	13½	24

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	19	32	39	10½	16½	22½
(*504½)	525	8½	19½	—	25	30	—
Thames W	460	43	54½	63	4	9½	17½
(*495)	500	17½	30½	39½	17½	25	30½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	420	39	49½	57	0	5½	15
(*459)	460	2½	23	32	4	19½	32½
BTR	300	3	16½	21½	3	11½	19
(*300½)	330	0	6	10	29½	31½	30
Br Aero	420	21½	41½	53	0½	16	28
(*440½)	460	1	20½	34½	20	36	49
Br Telcm	360	28	31½	38½	0	5½	9
(*388)	390	2½	12½	21	4	18	22
Cadbury	420	25	36½	42	0½	6½	14
(*445)	460	0½	14½	21	17	24½	34½
Guinness	460	5½	23	30½	1½	12	23
(*463½)	500	0	7	14	36½	38	48
GEC	280	8	15½	21½	1	9	11½
(*286)	300	0½	7	12½	14	20½	23
Hanson	220	16	19	22½	0	4	8
(*236)	240	1	8	12	4½	13	17½
LASMO	134	15	—	—	0½	—	—
(*149)	154	1	—	—	8	—	—
Lucas	200	6½	16	20½	1	7½	12½
(*206)	220	0	7	11½	14	18½	23
Pilkingtn	180	5½	11	16	1	6½	9½
(*185)	200	0	3½	7½	15	19	20½
Prudential	300	21	29	32	0½	6	12½
(*321)	330	0½	12½	16	11½	19	23½
Redland	460	25	41½	49½	0	10	23½
(*484½)	500	1	19½	28½	15½	27½	45½
Royal Ins	280	12	26	31	0	11	16½
(*291½)	300	1	15½	21½	9	20½	26½
Tesco	240	4½	18½	25	0½	8½	12½
(*249½)	260	0	8½	14½	11	19½	23
Vodafone	200	7	14	20	1	8½	12
(*209½)	217	0	7	—	11½	16½	—
Williams	354	4½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*356½)	384	0	—	—	27½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3120*)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Dec	152	112	77½	50½	31	17½
Jan	185½	148	115½	85	64	45½
Feb	200½	165	136	106½	85	64½
Mar	264½	177½	149	121½	100½	79½
Jun	252	—	193	—	145	—
Puts						
Dec	39½	33	50	74	107½	144½
Jan	48½	62	81½	102	131	163
Feb	55½	70	90½	112	141	171½
Mar	69	87	108	129	154	189½
Jun	94	—	134	—	185	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	27	36½	41	4½	13½	20
(*411½)	420	7½	19½	25½	14½	29	35½
Amstrad	30	3	4	5½	1	2½	3
(*32)	35	1	2	3½	3½	5½	5½
Barclays	550	45½	60	60½	2½	14	21
(*590)	600	13	30	39	19	30½	44
Blue Circ	300	17	26	33	5	12	18½
(*310½)	330	3½	12	19	22	26	39½
Br Gas	300	4	17½	22½	7	11½	20
(*300)	330	0½	6	10½	30	31½	39½
Dixons	180	11½	17	23	4½	9	14
(*196½)	200	3	8½	14	16	21	25½
Forte	220	15½	23	26	2½	9	11½
(*232½)	240	4	11½	15½	11½	15½	21½
Hillsdwn	160	15½	19	22½	1	4	7
(*173½)	180	3½	8	11½	8½	12½	12
Lonrho	160	6	13½	16½	6	11½	14
(*162½)	180	1	6	10½	19	24½	26
Sears	100	8½	11½	13½	1	3	5
(*107)	110	2½	6	9	5	7½	10
Thrn EMI	950	55½	69½	92	4½	19	26½
(*996½)	1000	21½	39½	63	20	39	47½
Tomkins	220	11	18	24	2½	9	12½
(*227½)	240	2½	9	15	14½	20	23
TSB	220	12	17½	21½	3½	10½	14
(*227)	240	3	6	12½	14½	22	26½
Wellcome	650	41	62½	77½	11½	26½	40
(*676)	700	16	36½	52½	35	50½	62
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo	601	44½	57	71	14	29	37½
(*624)	650	18½	32	47	38½	56	63½
HSBC	750	39	55	66	27	49	60
(*755)	800	16	32	42	56½	80½	96½
Reuter	460	35	45	54	7½	17½	22½
(*483)	500	15½	24½	34	26½	37½	42½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	180	4	13½	14	1	7½	12½
(*184)	200	0	5½	9	16	19	24
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	120	11	14½	20	4	5	10
(*120)	130	6	12	15	9	13½	15
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastern Gp	800	11	44	62	5	42	54
(*806)	850	0	24	41	44	71½	81½
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	500	15½	33	44	12	22	32½
(*508½)	550	1½	13½	24	47	52½	61
Scot Pwr	360	16	26	36½	9½	20½	26½
(*364½)	390	5	13	23½	28	36	44

November 21, 1994 Tot: 30723 Call: 9850 Put: 10678 FT-SE Call: 3918 Put: 1910

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3139.0	3140.0	3120.0	3128.0	7170
Previous open interest: 59715	Mar 95	3150.0	3150.0	3140.5	3144.0	1122
FT-SE250	Dec 94				3580.0	0
Previous open interest: 4165	Mar 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.75	93.76	93.70	93.72	13575
Previous open interest: 520507	Mar 95	92.99	92.99	92.93	92.95	14374
	Jun 95	92.36	92.37	92.33	92.35	3194
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				93.88	0
Previous open interest: 4653	Mar 95				93.29	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.84	94.84	94.82	94.83	4070
Previous open interest: 711197	Mar 95	94.63	94.65	94.63	94.64	11973
Long Gilt	Dec 94	102-14	102-22	102-10	102-13	23052
Previous open interest: 114243	Mar 95	101-24	101-27	101-22	101-21	2360
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	108.13	108.19	108.13	108.17	807
	Mar 95	107.44	107.49	107.43	107.47	2048
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	89.86	90.20	89.82	90.08	84406
Previous open interest: 209042	Mar 95	88.96	89.30	88.96	89.23	5965
Three month ECU	Dec 94	94.08	94.09	94.08	94.09	579
Previous open interest: 22933	Mar 95	93.70	93.72	93.68	93.69	471
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	96.01	96.02	95.99	96.00	2913
Previous open interest: 47653	Mar 95	95.71	95.72	95.69	95.70	1747
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	100.60	101.18	100.60	100.89	22645
Previous open interest: 66303	Mar 95	100.08	100.08	99.77	99.85	1529

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6¼-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5¾	6-5¾	6¼-6	6¾-6¾	7¼-7¼
Interbank:	5¾-5¾	6-5¾	6¼-6	6¾-6¾	7¼-7¼

Overnight: open 5¾, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	6¼	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6-5¾	6¾-6¾	7¼-7¼
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.88	6.26	6.84
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6¼-6	6¾-6¾	7¼-7¼

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1994 Agreed rates Nov 26, 1994 to Dec 25, 1994 Scheme III 7.23%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1994 to Oct 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.968%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-5	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	6¼-6¼	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5-4¾	5¼-5¼	5¾-5¾	5-4
French Franc:	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¾-5¾	5¼-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3¾-3¾	3¾-3¾	3¾-3¾	4¼-4¼	4¼-3¾
Yen:	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-1¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.70-384.10 Close: $382.90-383.40 High: $383.70-384.10 Low: $382.00-382.50 AM: $383.60 PM: $383.40

Krugerrand: $382.50-384.50 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $409.75 (£261.30) Silver: $5.16 (£3.285) Palladium: $153.75 (£98.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7364-2.7454	2.7364-2.7398	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Brussels	50.17-50.40	50.17-50.27	6-1pr	14-6pr
Copenhagen	9.5440-9.5710	9.5440-9.5590	¼-¾ds	par-¾ds
Dublin	1.0090-1.0125	1.0094-1.0121	3pr-par	12-6pr
Frankfurt	2.4410-2.4486	2.4410-2.4445	¼pr-par	¼-¼pr
Lisbon	249.60-250.11	248.60-249.24	71-80ds	231-249ds
Madrid	203.23-203.92	203.23-203.53	28-37ds	91-104ds
Milan	2502.70-2511.30	2502.70-2506.00	4-6ds	15-18ds
Montreal	2.1397-2.1438	2.1397-2.1428	0.11-0.01pr	0.19-0.06pr
New York	1.5660-1.5680	1.5660-1.5670	0.02-0.01pr	0.04-0.01pr
Oslo	10.6780-10.7090	10.6780-10.6940	¼-2ds	3¼-4¼ds
Paris	8.3800-8.4090	8.3800-8.3940	¼pr-par	1¼-¾pr
Stockholm	11.5100-11.5490	11.5100-11.5340	1¼-2¼ds	5-6¼ds
Tokyo	153.94-154.95	153.94-154.20	¼-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.16-17.24	17.16-17.19	1¼-¼pr	5¼-3¼pr
Zurich	2.0690-2.0745	2.0690-2.0710	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3114-1.3131
Austria	10.98-10.99
Belgium (Com)	32.09-32.10
Canada	1.3666-1.3671
Denmark	6.1010-6.1040
France	5.3545-5.3560
Germany	6.0980-6.1000
Hong Kong	7.7313-7.7323
Ireland	1.5453-1.5463
Italy	1600.00-1600.75
Japan	98.46-98.51
Malaysia	2.5673-2.5678
Netherlands	1.7498-1.7503
Norway	6.8260-6.8280
Portugal	159.29-159.39
Singapore	1.4660-1.4670
Spain	129.98-130.03
Sweden	7.3574-7.3674
Switzerland	1.3227-1.3232

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5641-1.5668
Australia dollar	2.0567-2.0594
Bahrain dinar	0.585-0.597
Brazil real*	1.3017-1.3058
Cyprus pound	0.741-0.751
Finland markka	7.4295-7.4455
Greece drachma	373.25-380.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.1150-12.1212
India rupee	48.69-49.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.464-0.474
Malaysia ringgit	4.0227-4.0253
Mexico peso	5.32-5.42
New Zealand dollar	2.5151-2.5203
Pakistan rupee	47.53 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.817-5.943
Singapore dollar	2.2971-2.2997
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4279-6.4792
S Africa rand (com)	5.5543-5.5626
U A E dirham	5.693-5.817

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	85	Legal & Gn	91
ASDA Gp	1,400	Lloyds Bk	1,300
Abbey Natl	1,800	MEPC	1,600
Alld Dom	5,100	Marks Spr	3,300
Argyll Gp	3,200	NatWst Bk	4,800
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Nat Power	1,600
AB Foods	96	Nth Wst W	293
BAA	1,000	P & O	1,200
BAT Inds	3,900	Pearson	359
BOC	475	PowerGen	1,200
BP	4,200	Prudential	2,500
BTR	5,600	RMC	252
BT	3,000	*RTZ*	1,700
Bk of Scot	801	Rank Org	1,100
Barclays	3,600	Reckitt Col	949
Bass	573	Redland	903
Blue Circle	3,100	*Reed Intl*	466
Boots	532	Renrokil	229
Bowater	903	Reuters	2,100
Brit Aero	2,400	Rolls Royce	2,600
Brit Airwys	1,700	Ryl Ins	1,100
Brit Gas	2,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000
Brit Steel	4,900	Sainsbury	3,200
Burmah Cast	209	Schroders	1
Cable Wire	1,100	Scot & New	66
Cadbury	3,200	Scot Power	1,600
Caradon	479	Sears	664
Carlton Cms	1,100	Svrn Trent	166
Cm Union	880	*Shell Trans*	2,300
Courtaulds	403	Siebe	1,300
De La Rue	506	SmKl Bch	1,000
Eastern Elec	666	Smith Nph	375
Enterpr Oil	64	*Sthrn Elec*	344
Forte	370	Std Chartd	2,200
GKN	321	Sun Allnce	667
GRE	2,300	TI Gp	120
GUS	1,100	*TSB*	1,300
Gen Acc	1,000	Tesco	1,500
Gen Elec	674	Thames W	645
Glaxo	3,700	Thrn EMI	307
Granada	3,000	*Tomkins*	2,300
Grand Met	2,800	Unilever	336
Guinness	2,800	Utd Bisc	414
HSBC	1,200	Vodafone	4,300
Hanson	12,000	*Warburg (SG)*	318
ICI	813	Wellcome	2,100
Inchcape	370	Whitbread	171
Kingfisher	1,900	Wlims Hld	245
Ladbroke	2,200	Wolseley	150
Land Secs	975	Zeneca	1,400

WALL STREET

	Nov 21 midday	Nov 18 close
AMP Inc	71	72¼
AMR Corp	51⅞	50⅞
AT & T	52⅞	52⅞
Abbott Labs	32	32⅝
Aetna Life	45⅝	45⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	16¼	16⅝
Air Prod & Chem	45⅝	45⅝
Albertson's	29⅝	29⅞
Alcan Aluminum	25	24¼
Alco Standard	55⅞	56⅝
Allied Signal	33	32⅝
Alum Co of Am	84⅝	83⅞
Amax Gold Inc	6¼	6¼
Amerada Hess	46⅝	45⅞
Amer Brands	34⅝	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	100⅝	100⅞
Amer El Power	31¼	31¼
Amer Express	30⅞	30⅝
Amer Genl Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Amer Home Pr	64⅝	64¼
Amer Intl	93⅝	94¼
Amer Stores	27⅝	27⅞
Ameritech	40⅝	40⅞
Amoco	61¼	61½
Anheuser-Busch	49⅞	50
Apple Computer	39⅞	40
Archer Daniels	28⅝	28⅞
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	41	41¼
Asarco	27⅝	28
Ashland Oil	37⅝	37⅞
Atl Richfield	104⅞	103½
Auto Data Pro	57	57⅞
Avery Dennison	33	32⅞
Avon Products	61¼	62⅝
Baker Hughes	18⅞	19
Baltm Gas & El	21½	21½
Banc One	26⅝	26
BankAmerica	39⅝	39⅝
Bank of NY	29	29⅞
Bankers Tr NY	57⅝	56⅞
Barnett Banks	38⅝	38⅝
Bausch & Lomb	34⅝	34⅝
Baxter Intl	26⅝	26⅝
Bectn Dickinsn	47⅞	47
Bell Atlantic	50⅝	50⅞
BellSouth	52	51⅞
Black & Decker	24⅝	24⅞
Block (H&R)	40⅝	41
Boeing	45	44¼
Boise Cascade	23⅝	23⅞
Borden Inc	13⅝	13⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	27⅝	28
Brunswick	18⅞	18⅝
Burlingtn Nthn	48⅞	48⅞
CBS	56	55⅝
CNA Financial	64	64½
CPC Intl	53⅞	52⅝
CSX	66⅝	66⅝
Campbell Soup	45⅝	45⅝
Can Pacific	15⅝	15⅝
Cpd Cities ABC	85	84⅞
Carolina Pwr	25⅝	25⅞
Caterpillar	55⅝	55⅝
Central & SW	20⅝	20⅝
Champion Intl	34⅝	33⅞
Chase Manhat	35⅞	35¼
Chemical Bk	35⅞	35⅞
Chevron Corp	43⅞	42⅝
Chrysler	48⅝	48⅝
Chubb Corp	70	70⅝
Cigna Corp	66⅝	66⅞
Citicorp	42⅞	43⅝
Clorox	58⅞	56⅝
Coastal Corp	26⅝	26⅞
Coca Cola	53½	52½
Colgate-Palmolive	62⅞	62⅝
Columbia Gas	25⅞	25⅝
Compaq Comp	40⅞	39⅝
Comp Ass Intl	45⅞	46
Conagra	31½	31
Cons Edison	24⅝	24⅞
Cons Nat Gas	33⅞	34⅝
Cons Rail	51⅝	52
Cooper Inds	36⅞	35⅞
Corning Inc	30⅞	30⅝
Crown Cork	38⅞	38⅝
Dana Corp	21⅞	22
Dayton Hudson	79⅝	79⅝
Deere	65⅝	66
Delta Air Lines	51¼	51½
Deluxe Corp	28½	28
Detroit Edison	26	25⅞
Digital Equip	36⅝	35⅝
Dillard Dept St	28⅝	28
Disney (Walt)	42⅝	42⅝
Dominion Res	35⅞	35⅝
Donelley (RR)	29⅝	29
Dover Corp	52⅞	52⅝
Dow Chemical	65⅝	66
Dow Jones	29⅝	30
Dresser	20⅞	20⅝
Duke Power	39	39⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	54	54⅞
Du Pont	55⅝	55⅝
Eastman Kodak	47⅝	48⅝
Eaton Corp	50⅞	50⅞
Emerson Elec	61½	61¼
Engelhard Corp	22⅝	22⅝

	Nov 21 midday	Nov 18 close
Enron Corp	29⅝	29⅞
Entergy	22⅝	22⅞
Ethyl Corp	10⅝	10⅞
Exxon	61¼	60⅝
FMC Corp	60⅝	60⅞
FPL Group	32⅝	32⅝
Federal Express	59⅝	59⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	70⅝	71¼
First Chicago	47	47⅞
First Interstate	72⅝	71⅞
First Union Rlty	7	6¾
Fleet Finl Grp	31¼	30⅞
Fluor Corp	43⅞	43⅞
Ford Motor	27⅞	27⅝
GTE Corp	30⅞	30
Gannett	48⅞	48⅝
Gap Inc Del	37⅝	37⅞
Gen Dynamics	40⅞	40⅞
Gen Electric	48⅝	48⅝
Gen Mills	56⅝	57
Gen Motors	37⅝	39⅝
Gen Reinsurance	113¼	114⅞
Gen Signal	35⅞	36
Genuine Parts	35⅝	35⅝
Georgia Pac	70⅝	70⅝
Gillette	73⅝	73⅞
Glaxo ADR	19⅝	19
Goodrich (BF)	43⅞	44¼
Goodyear Tire	33⅞	33⅝
Grace (W&R)	38⅝	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23⅝	23⅞
Great Wstn Fin	16⅝	16½
Halliburton	34¼	33⅝
Harcourt General	36	35⅝
Heinz (HJ)	36¼	37⅝
Hercules	115⅝	116⅞
Hershey Foods	47½	47⅞
Hewlett-Packard	99⅞	100⅞
Hilton Hotels	71½	71½
Home Depot	46⅝	46⅞
Homestake Mng	17⅝	17⅝
Honeywell	29⅞	30⅞
Household Intl	35⅝	36
Houston Inds	32⅝	32⅝
Humana	22⅝	22⅝
ITT Corp	85⅝	85
Illinois Tool	43⅝	43¼
Illinova	19⅝	19⅝
INCO	27⅞	28⅝
Ingersoll Rand	32⅝	32⅝
Inland Steel	31	31¼
Intel Corp	66⅝	63⅝
IBM	73⅝	73⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	44	44½
Intl Paper	72⅝	71¼
James River Va	21¼	21¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	53⅞	55
Kellogg	60⅞	59⅝
Kerr-McGee	47⅞	47
Kimberly-Clark	49⅝	49⅞
Kmart	14⅝	14⅝
Knight-Ridder	49⅝	49⅞
Lilly (Eli)	61½	62
Limited Inc	20⅝	20⅝
LIN Brdcstng	140⅝	140⅞
Lincoln Nat	37	36⅞
Litton	34⅝	34⅞
Liz Claiborne	21⅞	21¼
Lockheed	70⅝	71¼
Louisiana Pac	28	27⅝
MCI Comm	21¼	21¼
Marriott Int	28⅝	28⅞
Marsh & McLnn	73½	72⅝
Masco Corp	23⅝	23
May Dept St	36¼	36⅞
Maytag Corp	15	15
McDonalds	29⅞	29⅝
McDonnell D	142⅝	142⅝
McGraw-Hill	70⅞	71½
Merck Corp	45⅝	46¼
Medtronic	52⅝	52⅝
Mellon Bk	33⅝	33⅞
Melville Corp	32⅞	32⅞
Merck Inc	37⅞	37⅞
Merrill Lynch	38⅝	38⅝
Minnesota Mine	52⅞	57⅝
Mobil Corp	84⅝	83⅝
Monsanto	72⅝	72⅝
Morgan (JP)	58⅞	58⅝
Motorola Inc	60⅝	60⅞
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	18⅝	18⅝
Natl Service Ind	26⅝	26⅝
Navistar Int	13⅞	13⅞
NBD Bancorp	28⅝	28⅝
NY Times A	24⅝	24
Newmont Mng	39⅝	39⅝
Niag Mohawk	13½	13⅝
Nike B	64⅝	64⅞
NL Industries	11¼	11¼
Noram Energy	5⅞	5⅞
Nordstrom	46⅞	46⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	61¼	62⅝
Nthn State Pwr	44⅝	44⅝
Norwest Corp	22⅝	22⅝
Nynex Corp	38⅝	38⅝
Occidental Pet	20	19⅞
Ohio Edison	18⅞	18⅞
Oracle Systems	43⅝	43⅝
Oryx Energy Co	12⅝	12⅝

	Nov 21 midday	Nov 18 close
Owens Corning	28	28⅞
PNC Financial	20⅝	20⅞
PPG Industries	36⅝	36⅝
Paccar Inc	41¼	41⅞
Pacificorp	17⅞	17⅝
Pac Enterprises	20⅞	20⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	22⅝	22½
Pac Telesis	28⅝	28⅝
Pall Corp	18⅞	18⅝
Panhandle East	22	22
Parker Hannifin	44⅝	44½
Peco Energy	24	23⅞
Penney (JC)	46⅝	46⅞
Pennzoil	47⅞	47
Pepsico	36⅞	36⅝
Pfizer	76⅞	76⅝
Phelps Dodge	58⅝	58⅝
Philip Morris	62⅝	62⅝
Phillips Pet	33⅝	33
Pitney Bowes	33⅝	33⅞
Polaroid	31¼	31¼
PriceCostco	14$^{11}/_{16}$	14⅝
Proctor & Gmbl	64⅝	64⅝
Providian	31¼	31
Pub Serv E & G	25⅝	25⅞
Quaker Oats	64⅝	65⅞
Ralston Purina	42⅝	42⅞
Raychem Corp	35⅝	34⅞
Raytheon	64⅞	64⅞
Reebok Intl	39⅝	38⅞
Reynolds Metals	48⅝	49
Roadway Srvcs	51¼	51
Rockwell Intl	34⅞	34¼
Rohm & Haas	54⅝	55⅝
Royal Dutch	108⅝	108⅞
Rubbermaid	28⅞	28⅞
Safeco Corp	48⅝	48$^{11}/_{16}$
St Paul's Cos	42⅞	42⅞
Salomon Inc	37⅝	37⅝
Santa Fe Pac	16⅞	13⅞
Sara Lee Corp	25	25⅞
Seacorp	13⅝	13⅝
Schering Plough	74⅞	74⅝
Schlumberger	55⅝	54⅞
Scott Paper	66⅝	65⅞
Seagram	28⅞	28⅝
Sears Roebuck	50	50
Shell Trans	66⅝	66½
Sherwin Wlms	31	30⅝
Skyline Corp	18⅞	18⅝
Snap-On-Tools	31¼	30⅞
Southern Co	19⅞	19⅝
Sthwestern Bell	42⅞	41⅞
Sprint Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Stanley Works	37⅝	37¼
Sun Company	29⅝	29⅝
Sun Microsys	33$^{11}/_{16}$	33⅝
Suntrust	48⅝	48⅝
Supervalu	24⅞	24⅝
Sysco Corp	26⅝	26⅞
TRW Inc	66⅝	66
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	17⅝	17⅝
Tandy Corp	43⅝	43⅞
Teledyne	18⅝	18⅞
Temple Inland	46⅞	46⅝
Tenneco	39⅝	39⅞
Texaco	62⅝	61⅝
Texas Inst	79⅝	79
Texas Utilities	31	31
Textron	50⅞	50
Time Warner	34⅝	35
Times-Mirror	32⅝	32
Timken	32⅝	32⅝
Torchmark	34⅞	34⅝
Toys R Us	37⅝	37⅝
Transamerica	48⅝	48⅝
Travelers	32	32
Tribune	53⅞	53⅝
Tyco Labs	46	46
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
UAL	93⅝	93⅝
USX Marathon	18⅝	18⅞
Unicom	22⅝	22⅝
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Union Pacific	47	47⅞
Unisys Corp	10⅞	10⅝
USAIR Group	4⅝	4⅞
USF&G Corp	14	14⅝
US Life	33⅝	32⅞
US West	36	35⅝
United Tech	58⅞	59
Unocal Corp	27⅞	26⅞
Upjohn	31½	32
VF Corp	50	50⅝
WMX Tech	27⅞	28⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅝	22⅝
Warner-Lambert	78⅝	77⅝
Wells Fargo	143⅝	142⅞
Westinghouse El	13⅝	13⅝
Weyerhaeuser	37	36⅝
Whirlpool	50⅞	50⅝
Whitman	16	16⅝
Winn Dixie	52⅝	52⅝
Woolworth	14⅝	14⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47⅞	48⅝
Xerox	103⅝	100⅝
Yellow Corp	19⅝	19⅞

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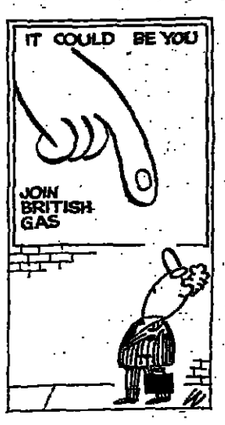
CITY DIARY

The chairman writes (usually)

EVER written to a company chairman and been incensed not to have had the courtesy of a reply? Professor Ray Wild, principal of Henley Management College, targeted 334 chairmen and chief executives in 37 countries to test their business manners. He received 221 replies which have been incorporated into his latest book: *How To Manage* (Butterworth-Heinemann). He notes UK organisations came out well with a non-response factor of 11 per cent, compared with a 27 per cent non-reply factor from North America. UK chiefs took an average 4.2 weeks to either write, fax or phone, whereas it took our North American cousins an average 5.6 weeks. Each was asked: How do you view your job? Some replies are illuminating. Alan Sugar "In Amstrad, you either last forever or you last for three weeks", and Sugar on a new product: "The Amstrad way is to knock the living daylights out of the thing." Sir Peter Parker, Mitsubishi Electric UK: "If you're in a hanging mood, hang people like pictures, in the best light". Akio Morita, head of Sony Corporation: "I do not believe (accountants) should be at the helm of industry." Barry Gibbons, former Burger King chairman: "There's more crap talked about communication than any other topic in industry".

All change

WHAT goes around, comes around. Credit Lyonnais Laing, which last week took on four convertible bond and warrant salesmen and one equity trader from Nikko Europe, is losing its strategist Robert Kerr — to Nikko. The Japanese broker is also saying *konnichi wa* to Dennis Exton who joins as telecommunications and media analyst from Merrill Lynch, and Nikko has formed a London Asian equities team headed by Marlene Wittman, recently with the International Finance Corporation.



Fund-raiser

WOOD Gundy, the Canadian broker and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce have embraced the spirit of Christmas in generous fashion. On December 6, their worldwide offices will donate all revenue and trade mark-ups generated from client transactions to children's charities, and they hope the day's takings will be at least £1 million. In London, Wood Gundy's office expects to donate at least £50,000 to Save the Children. The broker has urged clients to trade on December 6 rather than the day before or the day after so that Save the Children can derive maximum benefit. As Tiny Tim might have it: "God Bless 'em. Every one".

A MELBOURNE, Australia, firm swears the following letter with an outstanding account is genuine: "The dog ate my chequebook which give him an intestinal blockage. His emergency surgery cost £200. I found it necessary to rob Peter to pay Paul. This month you were Peter".

COLIN CAMPBELL

With friends like this, Emu may not need enemies

Wolfgang Münchau looks at a split over the relationship between monetary and political union

If plans for European Monetary Union were to collapse, they would do so less because of anti-Europe sentiment than because of an internal split among those who favour Emu, notably the French and the Germans.

Over the past few weeks, the pro-Emu camps in France and Germany appear to have torn each other apart over the relationship between monetary and political union. The French support Emu unconditionally and want the third stage of it to start by the earliest possible date, January 1, 1997, irrespective of political union.

Last week, Leon Brittan, Britain's senior European Union commissioner, lent some support to this argument when he told businessmen in London that economic and monetary union in Europe was possible by the end of the century. While only two of the EC states have met economic criteria set for a single currency, eight could be ready by 1999, Sir Leon said.

The French regard Emu as beneficial in its own right, not least because it transfers economic powers away from the Bundesbank towards a central European bank. This is broadly the position of the present French government, though apparently not of Jacques Chirac, a contender for the country's presidency next year. But this is also the position of the pro-Emu forces in Britain, to which Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, belongs.

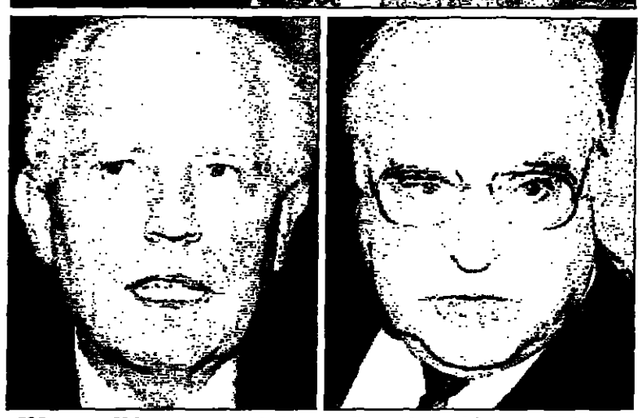
Germany also wants Emu, but with one important precondition. It argues that Emu makes sense only in the context of a meaningful political union. If that union does not come about simultaneously, Germany will, quite possibly wreck, the entire project. But if Europe becomes a federal state, Germany will be Emu's most fervent supporter.

This issue is much broader than the previous debate on the so-called Maastricht convergence criteria. Germany is, of course, unhappy that the European Commission interprets them generously, but this is the result of a more fundamental concern. The slacker the interpretation, the more countries can qualify, reducing the chances that the geography of the Emu zone will coincide with the geography of political union.

This explains Germany's fierce opposition to the EU's recent decision to exempt the Irish Republic from the so-called excessive deficit procedure. The exemption means the republic effectively qualifies for Emu already. Germany objected on political grounds, although economic arguments played a part. The republic will not be part of a European defence union. Although it would be a core member of Emu, it would be a non-core state in a political union.

Such considerations were behind





If Jacques Chirac, top, were to become France's president, conflict with Hans Tietmeyer, left, and Chancellor Kohl could become more serious

comments made by Hans Tietmeyer, Bundesbank president, in London. He said: "Countries that do not have the willingness and the readiness to enter into a broadly conceived and politically constructive community of solidarity should exercise caution in entering a monetary union. In the long run, any monetary union which lacks extensive political underpinning is likely to remain a fragile construction".

In other words, Herr Tietmeyer urges Britain to stay out, given Britain's well-known views on European federalism. There is the argument that the Bundesbank is being purposely unhelpful, by insisting on the strict fulfilment of the convergence criteria, knowing full well that they can never be met. Herr Tietmeyer even demands that the budget deficit threshold, of a maximum of 3 per cent of GDP, should not be met at the peak of the economic cycle, but be considered as a maximum for an average year. That would restrict the number of qualifying countries even further. His view is wholeheartedly shared by most of the most pro-federalist forces in the Kohl government. Karl Lamers, CDU foreign affairs spokesman and Chancellor Kohl's hitman on Emu, is the author of an infamous paper on the hard-core EU.

In Brussels, he called Emu "the highest stage of integration" and a "central part of the political union", defining it as a federal construction that would evolve into a "state, not just a confederation of states". However, the question remains: What does he means by political union?

The French argue that Emu would unleash forces that would move the EU towards further integration at some future point, in the way that the single market unleashed the move towards Emu. The two positions do not differ, in principle, as to their ultimate goals, but they mark out starkly differing routes. How the debate will be resolved is anyone's guess. If Jacques Delors becomes the next French president, France's position may well converge towards Germany's. Edouard Balladur, as president, could go either way, but he is as committed to the Franco-German alliance as have been M Delors or President Mitterrand. But with Jacques Chirac, currently behind in the running to win the race, the conflict could become serious. Herr Lamers's offensive is directed mostly at the French domestic audience.

The German position is a corollary to the view taken by British Emu opponents, who argued that control over monetary policy was a fundamental aspect of overall national sovereignty. Under Emu, that sovereignty would shift to the EU. Chancellor Kohl and Herr Lamers differ only in as much as they favour such a shift, while British opponents do not.

The German attitude is influenced strongly by its recent experience of monetary and political union with East Germany. Nobody would argue that Emu would be anywhere near as disorderly and ultimately as recessionary as German monetary union, but the experience has shaped Germany's view of the relationship and timing between the two notions.

Different historic examples of currency union provide different answers. That between Belgium and Luxembourg in the 1920s, for example, did not lead to an erosion of Luxembourg's national sovereignty, at least in the sense that Luxembourg can still impose lower taxes than its neighbour and run a far more deregulated economy. But this worked because Luxembourg and Belgium are similar countries.

The Maastricht treaty tried to avoid some of the most blatant pitfalls for a currency union. The whole purpose of the convergence criteria is to avoid the problem faced by Germany in its own currency union, by ensuring that the members of Emu are in similar economic conditions, with similar economic structures, so as to prevent the need for one country to bail out another.

Provided these criteria are met, it is possible that Emu may work without too much distress. Once the single currency is introduced — which could happen with a delay of perhaps two or three years from the start of stage three — the economic benefits and the sheer convenience for those who work or travel across borders would become quickly noticeable.

Since the Maastricht treaty stipulates that the European central bank has to follow a policy similar to the one pursued by the Bundesbank, the move towards full monetary union will not involve a shift in central banking ideology. The optimistic scenario, therefore, is that the practical benefit of a single European currency will eventually outweigh considerations of sovereignty. But it may do so only under conditions of perfect symmetry, where countries could be expected to take the same decision nationally as they would do jointly in the EU.

The answer to the question of whether Emu can work without political union will depend on the general political and economic environment. If it is calm, the answer is probably yes. But if there is political and economic turbulence, the answer is probably no.

A question of business ethics for students

NatWest / The Times essay competition asks if commerce and morality can mix

Ethical standards in public life are under the scrutiny of the Nolan committee. The ethics of business are clearly interrelated.

A recent MORI poll found that two-thirds of young people, aged 15 to 35, are experiencing a moral crisis. Moral leadership is viewed as originating from schools, doctors and parents, with business leaders scoring badly, and national newspapers and politicians at the bottom of the league table. But does business have a role to play, and, if so, what should leaders do to improve their ethical image?

Are ethical standards today lower than in previous generations and what do future business leaders believe the role of commerce should be? National Westminster Bank/*The Times* Business Ethics Essay Competition sets out to answer these questions by giving undergraduates in any discipline the chance to voice their opinions, in a 1,200-word essay, demonstrating an understanding of practical business ethics which answers the question: "Can a competitive business be ethical?" A prize of £3,000 and publication in *The Times* of the best essay, together with two runners-up prizes of £2,000 and £1,000, are on offer. The prizes will be matched with awards to the universities of the winning students of £3,000, £2,000 and £1,000.

Details are available from NatWest university branches and by telephoning NatWest Freephone 0800 200400. The closing date is March 31 next year. Winners will be notified in writing by May 25.

Derek Wanless, group chief executive of NatWest and one of the competition judges, said: "Banks have always relied on their reputation for integrity and probity. Customers must be able to trust their banks."

The other judges are Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*; Rabbi Julia Neuberger, chairman of Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust; Jack Mahoney, Dixon's Professor of Business Ethics and Social Responsibility, London Business School; and John Drummond, managing director of Integrity Works, the consultancy.

NatWest recognises that "business ethics is a hot subject. Scandals in business, political and public life are leading to greater awareness and public concern about standards of behaviour." The competition is intended to open up the debate as to what are the responsibilities of businesses.

The bank says it is "committed to the highest levels of professionalism and integrity in its dealings with all its stakeholders, whether they are customers, staff, shareholders, suppliers or the wider community in which we operate".

NatWest has devoted considerable efforts to supporting the community in the past few years. Under its community relations programme, it has moved away from a purely philanthropic approach towards donation to one which is highly focused on matching business and local community needs. The Face 2 Face with Finance initiative took branch managers out of the office and into schools to support teachers in the teaching of finance through business simulation.

There is greater awareness that customers and shareholders want to know about the ethics of the company in which they have an interest. Because of this, some companies now publish an alternative set of "social accounts". Traidcraft has been among the leaders in developing such accounts, which provide extra information to customers.

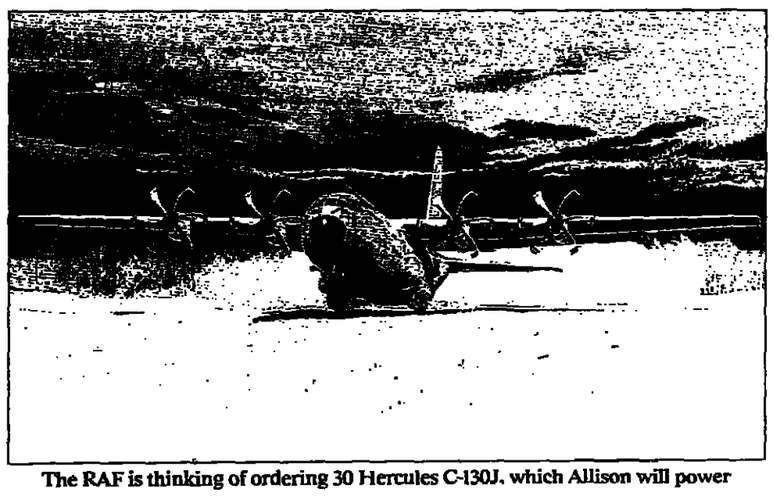
Investors can gain impartial advice on a company's ethics from the Ethical Investment Research Service or on pensions from the Pension Information Research Consultants.

Some companies are introducing the balanced business scorecard in an attempt to manage a business in a more balanced way, by including, say, improvements to customer service, operational efficiency or staff development.

Twenty years ago, Lord Salmon was called upon to examine standards of conduct in public life, after the corrupt activities of John Poulson. He recommended greater police access to financial information. Now, before Nolan reports, students can have their say on business standards.

Military precision will help Rolls-Royce to pole position

Allison's engines dovetail neatly into the Rolls-Royce portfolio and offer growth potential, Ross Tieman finds



The RAF is thinking of ordering 30 Hercules C-130J, which Allison will power

Rolls-Royce is poised to leapfrog its American rivals to become the world's biggest aero-engine manufacturer. The agreed $525 million takeover of Allison Engine Company, after a decade-long courtship, will create a company with 48,000 engines in service worldwide, vastly more than any either General Electric or Pratt & Whitney.

Allison may not be a household name in the Rolls-Royce mode, but its engines fly on half as many airplanes again as those of its new British parent. For the past two decades, Rolls-Royce, General Electric and Pratt have launched themselves from a platform of fighter jet technology into a global battle for the airliner turbofan market.

But while they invested billions to win big-buck orders, a bevy of smaller manufacturers, including Allison, Garrett and Textron-Lycoming, have specialised in building engines for smaller planes which have sold in far greater numbers.

Allison, owned by General Motors until managers mounted a leveraged buyout last December, is the biggest of these. Two products dominate Allison's $650 million a year of sales. The Allison T56/501 is the engine that powers 96 per cent of the world's big turboprop planes, including the Lockheed C-130 Hercules military transport and a bevy of civil commuter planes. More than 13,000 have been sold.

The other key engine is the Model 250. In its turboshaft version, it powers half the Western world's small helicopters. The turboprop drives five light aircraft. More than 16,000 of these engines are in use. They also form the basis for a range of industrial gas turbines, which account for 20 per cent of Allison's sales.

Since 1987, Allison has spent $1.8 billion to develop four new engines: replacements for these two, plus a large turboshaft for big short-takeoff airplanes, and a medium-sized turbofan for high-speed executive jets.

All of these new engines are out of the development phase and undergoing, or have completed, certification.

According to Sir Ralph Robins, the Rolls-Royce chairman, Allison's products neatly complement the Rolls-Royce portfolio, in a sector that has interesting growth potential. Only in the market for light helicopter engines is there overlap: Allison's new T800, developed jointly with Allied Signal, competes head on with the MTR390, a European engine where Rolls-Royce is 20 per cent partner.

For Rolls-Royce, the biggest attraction of Allison is the chance to tap the growing military passion for air mobility to reach and control trouble spots around the world. Airforces are renewing their transport plane and helicopter fleets, and buying attack helicopters.

Allison has a ten-year agreement to power the new Hercules C-130J, which will vie with the pan-European Future Large Aircraft (FLA) to become the world's military transport workhorse in the next century. A Royal Air Force order for about 30 C-130Js is expected. A BMW Rolls-Royce engine will form the core of the FLA power unit.

The Allison AE2100 is also being fitted to a new generation of large high-speed civil turboprops, including the Indonesian N250 and the Saab 2000.

Rolls-Royce can help Allison to improve its manufacturing efficiency, but the biggest savings will be in marketing and support, which impose disproportionate burdens on small manufacturers. Allison's Indiana headquarters, meanwhile, will become the centre of Rolls-Royce's activities in America.

Regulatory consents will be required, but Rolls-Royce appears confident that its name, and good relations with the United States Department of Defence, will do the trick.

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Shares see modest falls on the day

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BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	412	- 7½	4.7	13.8
314	233	Allied Irish	248	- 3	5.1	9.5
278¼	171	Aus New Z	179	- 1	5.4	36.3
3300	2512½	Bank Americat	2512½	- 68¾		
247	172½	Bank Scotland†	215	- 1	3.1	12.1
640	487	Barclays	590	- 13	3.5	18.2
319	245	Bk of Ireland†	298	+ ½	5.0	8.3
2312½	2262½	Citicorp	2752½	- 56¼		
285½	203	Close Bros	223		4.1	
£160¼	£121½	Commerzbk	£134⅝	+ 64¾	6.1	
1296½	1056½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1106¼	+ 6¼	0.5	
2344	£270	Deutsche Bk	2310⅝	+ 71½	3.2	
1315¼	787½	Espirito Santo	859¼	- 25	4.4	13
90	80	First Nat Fin	86		2.8	
1549¼	1162½	Fuji Bank Y	1273⅝	- 7	0.4	
473	209	Hambros	230	- 9	8.3	9.2
1117	887	HSBC	755	- 1½	4.1	10.9
1133	680	HSBC Hk	756	- 1½	4.1	10.9
443	400	Joseph (L)	418		5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	495	- 5	4.9	8.7
660	519	Lloyds	586	- 9	4.9	11.5
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	508	- 2	7.1	
622	421	Nat West	523	- 8½	4.6	9.7
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2100	- 25	6.3	
79	53	Rea Bros	61		1.9	17.1
532	377½	Royal Bk Scot	452	- 5	3.3	20.4
1574	1050	Schroders	1415	- 3	1.6	13.0
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1295	+ 2	1.8	11.9
114	75	Singer & Fried	84		4.7	10.8
359½	223	Stand Chart	286	- 8	2.9	9.8
241	197	TSB	227	- 3½	4.4	11.4
1012	569	Warburg SG†	681	- 5	4.0	12.5
2105	8612½	Wells Fargo†	9112½	+ 31½	3.0	
260	194	Westpac	200½	+ 1	2.7	
330	210	Wintrust	218		5.9	14.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	1½			
619	485	Bass	533	- 3	4.9	13.9
299	238	Boddington	258	- 1	4.0	13.9
196	168	Burtonwd Brwr	179		3.6	15.0
187	142	Eldridge P 'A'	166		2.7	33.0
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	56	+ 1	5.2	
493	375	Fuller Sm 'A'	377		2.6	15.6
511	399	Greenalls Grp	428	- 5	3.7	16.4
594	452	Greene King	546	- 2	3.0	15.2
285	239	Hardy Hansn	253		4.4	12.9
170	135	Heineken	150		3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3435		1.8	18.9
246	195	Mansfield	214	- 1	2.6	13.1
314	256	Marston Thmp	301		2.5	15.6
545	463	Morland	503		2.5	16.8
10½	5½	Paramount	7½		3.3	
303	209	Regent Inns	290		3.3	22.9
1665¼	1000	SA Breweries†	1554½		1.9	23.8
591	477	Scot & New	513	- 1	4.2	15.2
306	229	Vaux Group	242		5.0	16.6
438	334½	Wetherspoon JD†	435		1.9	23.9
617	494	Whitbread	551		4.4	14.9
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	539		3.0	15.1
188	148	Yates Bros	188		2.0	23.1
535	480	Young 'A'	483		3.8	20.1

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	135		4.9	9.8
200	148	Allen	163		4.0	19.3
164	90	Amec†	90		4.2	51.9
105	47	Andrews Sykes	100	+ 5		
462	333	Ashtead	438	- 1	1.6	27.7
197	108	Avonside†	108		5.1	12.7
41	25	Bailey (Ben) Con	34		2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	45		4.9	5.4
292	160½	Barratt Devs	177	+ 2	4.2	
169	122½	Beazer Homes	136	+ 2	4.9	10.8
304	179	Bellway	209	+ 1	4.3	
53	31	Bellwinch	31			27.3
573	371	Berkeley Gp	375	- 1	2.3	15.6
215	118	Bett Bros	182		3.1	
355	225	Boot (Henry)	225	- 5	3.7	11.1
84	36	Brandon Hire	78		2.4	
235	170	Br Bldg & Eng	170		6.1	10.3
197½	130	Bryant†	140	- 1	4.5	15.7
159½	111½	CALA	115		3.0	15.9
54	31	Campbell & Arm	38			
62	44	Clarke T	49		3.2	41.6
	20½	Costain	32½			
185	117	Countryside	117	- 1	2.4	36.0
120	92	Crest Nicholson	95		2.4	15.8
140	100	Cussins	103		4.1	12.4
39	19	Edmond Hldgs†	21		1.8	
473	323	Eve Group	325		4.2	13.3
60	24	Galliford†	34		5.2	
112	87	Gleeson & Dardy	88		3.8	
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)†	826		2.1	
86	71	Green (Ernest)	86		9.7	26.5
191	121	Havelock Europ†	175		2.1	16.0
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	149		2.5	17.1
144	86	Higgs & Hill	94	- 1	3.3	
32	20	Howard Hldgs	22		4.5	20.5
25	6	Jarvis	11½			
138	104	Keller	115		4.1	13.3
428	204	Laing (J)†	237		4.7	21.4
164	90½	Laing 6¾% Cv Pf	99		8.1	
145	115	Lon Clydesdale	127		4.7	17.6
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	72	- 1		
263	196	Mowlem (J)†	219		3.1	
321	186	McAlpine (A)†	189	- 1	4.3	27.7
76½	50¼	McCarthy & S	58		1.1	
165½	94	Mowlem (J)	103		3.1	
379½	205	Persimmon	216	- 1	5.3	16.2
2000	1450	Pochins	2000		2.0	20.0
198	128	Prowting†	129		3.5	19.5
116	46½	Raine Inds	50	+ 1	7.5	10.3
57	50	Smlid-Rvr	52		1.5	29.2
367	233	Shanks Hldgs	364		1.5	24.2
112	62½	Shorco	111		4.1	15.6
245	195	Smart (J)†	217		4.9	
290	155½	Stanley†	238	+ 3	1.3	19.1
257	151	Tay Homes†	166	- 1	4.9	12.2
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	127		1.7	31.0
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	570	+ 4	7.2	43.7
60	56	Tolent Hire	56	+ 1	2.0	29.2
40½	22	Try Group	29			
129	90	Vibroplant	120	- 8	3.9	31.4
170	123	Westhomes	130	+ 4	4.0	14.0
74	48	Ward Hldgs	55		1.1	
255½	147	Westbury†	147		4.8	13.4
7½	3¼	Wiggins	6½			
259	171	Wilson (C)	177		3.0	14.7
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	342	- 1	3.5	15.3
249	131	Wimpey G	133	+ 1	4.9	19.9

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	106	AB Ltd	106		4.6	14.9
286	248	Acal	291		2.9	18.2
575	353	Adam & Harvey	570	+ 5	3.5	7.7
31	21	Alexanders	21	- 1	3.0	19.5
175	117	Appleyard	118		6.1	20.8
5	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½		1.4	58.8
578	495	BSS Group	520		4.3	21.7
25½	17	Banning Power	24		3.9	15.2
405	249	Bletchley Mtr	255		5.1	10.5
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	
28½	17	Boustead	25		4.1	
370	288	Brammer	339		4.8	18.8
31	15½	Bridgend Grp	16	...	1.6	..
99	78	Brit Fittings†	85		3.3	
71	45	Brown & Tawse	61			
57	35	Bunzl	41	- 3	6.1	12.0
465	245	Caffyns	285	+ 2	5.0	19.2
59	24½	Cashel Pic	27½		5.1	15.0
130	91	Central Mtr	91	- 2	4.8	22.5
51	32½	Cook (DC)	36		3.5	11.0
348	201	Cowie	231	- 2	4.5	11.3
192½	127	Dag Motors	140		5.8	16.1
663	446	Dearman B	593		1.4	16.6
628	427	Diploma	448	+ 10	3.8	
589	443	Electrocomps†	472	+ 1½	2.7	19.3
175	133	Electron House	158	+ 2	2.5	16.3
283	225	Ellis & Everard	257		3.7	19.0
234	201	Eurodollar	212	+ 3	5.0	16.6
173	106	European Mtr	120		4.4	12.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	404		4.4	12.7
656	490½	Farnell Electr	528	- 1	1.9	21.7
78	50	Fife Indmar	61		5.6	9.0
34	18	Gardiner	18		5.2	8.6
46	21½	Glanchewton	22			24.3
90	60	Gowrings	73		3.4	22.2
76	59	Hallon Hldgs	70	+ 1		54.6
342½	266½	Henlys	274½		3.4	14.7
191	88	Hollands Tech	95		7.9	10.3
138	110	ISA Intl†	113		1.9	14.1
609	395	Inchcape†	445	- 2	4.2	14.8
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	162		3.1	18.6
573	332	Lex Service	344	- 1	4.9	13.2
282	162	Lookers	194		4.4	12.1
30	20	Mallys Grp	28		1.6	
7½	3½	Micclesow G	7	- ½		
440	279	Norton	434		0.6	20.8
100	47	Normanton	92		1.1	39.1
175	153	PCT	155		6.0	15.0
310	232	Pendragon	262		3.6	17.2
238	165	Perry Grp	165		5.3	9.0
218	136	Quicks Group	136		4.8	14.3
163	97	REA	162		4.6	32.5
5½	2¾	Reece	3			
24	7½	Ross Gp	9		2.8	
42	32½	SEP Ind	36		3.1	16.9
44	31	TLS Range	36		3.5	14.5
265	215	Time Products†	235	+ ½	4.7	15.6
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158		3.6	14.9
335	248	Wholesale Ftgs	248		5.9	
30½	15	Wills Gp	15½		4.0	8.7
69	40	Wyko	56		1.1	
96	68	Young (H)	68		0.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest†	160	...	5.9	16.3
380	199½	Antofagasta†	359	- 8	1.3	28.3
62	48	Armour†	49½		4.5	
988	773½	Bowen Hlt	916	+ 1	2.3	36.1
401	299	BTR†	302	- 5	5.2	15.8
570	372	BAT†	461	- 3	5.6	12.1
91	49	Babor (J)	73		5.3	
57½	44	Bresley Inv	49½	- ½	8.8	
39	10½	Cannon St	12½			4.8
836	636½	Charter	760		3.7	21.6
285	226½	Cookson†	245		3.3	22.2
302	217½	Hanson	237	- 4	6.3	21.2
220	152	Harrison Crsfld†	182		6.9	18.4
385½	240	Hetch Whamp	281¼	- 4½	2.0	30.1
710	409½	Jardine Math	488½	- 15½	3.0	11.1
36	27½	Jourdan (T)†	30	+ ½	4.2	29.8
175½	124½	Lonrho	162½	- 1	3.1	44.6
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	39	+ 1		
705	522	Powell Duffryn	554	+ 7	5.3	15.7
164	115½	Ropner†	132		7.1	15.0
489	337	Rotmans	415	- 1	3.8	23.2
196	137	Sime Darby	169	+ 2	3.2	17.6
257	189	Stavely†	189	- ½	5.6	56.2
220	161	Sons▼	167		7.0	16.1
268	220	TT Group	239		2.3	
372	282	Tomkins	257½	+ 3½	4.1	14.6
124	74½	Trafalgar H	83		1.5	
440	245	Unitare	295		3.6	15.2
334	246½	Wassall	287½	+ ½	1.6	24.7
13½	9¼	Widney	10			
414½	322	Williams Hldg	357	- 1	4.6	22.0

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894½	610½	East Midlands†	777	- 4½	4.1	61.3
866	566	Eastern Grp	806		3.6	17.6
753	554	London Elect	713	- 6	3.9	10.9
871	635	Manweb	814	- 4	3.7	9.7
840	547	Midlands Elec	774	- 4	5.7	11.9
520	404	National Power	508	- 3	3.3	13.8
858	589	Northern Elec	812	- 9	3.8	10.2
421	329	Nthn Ireland	375		3.8	10.2
850	587	Norweb	800	- 12	3.8	10.5
602	449	PowerGen†	557		3.1	12.0
477	307	Hydro-Elect	331	- 2	4.8	10.5
486	325	Scottish Power	365	+ 1	4.4	11.4
453	299	Seeboard	422	- 3	3.5	11.2
840	591	Sth Wales	812	- 4	3.9	11.0
824	551	Sth Western	788	- 7	3.7	10.5
837	540	Southern Elec	803	- 4	3.5	12.5
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	733	- 5	4.0	14.3

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
20½	14	Locker (T) A	14½		3.5	
49	38	ML Hdgs	39		2.7	13.5
67	26	MS Int	26		12.0	15.7
179	139	Mang Bronze†	141	+ 1	3.5	11.0
539	412	McKechnie†	428		4.5	15.9
120	71½	Meggitt	82		6.0	13.2
130	101	Metalrax	106	...	4.4	17.6
133	99	Metsect	131		2.9	18.2
589	518	Molins	518		3.8	10.4
408	310	Morgan Cruc†	339	- 6	4.7	16.5
217	176	Morris Ashby	209		3.6	
51	34	Neepsend	36		4.3	16.8
138	53	Neotronics	53	- 1	8.1	11.5
60	46	Newman (L)	46			
64	42	OMI Intl†	44½		5.3	
358	277	Oxford Inst	333	+ 2	1.9	19.5
341	218	Powerscreen	268	+ 1	3.5	11.9
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	13½		7.4	7.4
108	80	Radiant Metal	75			
71	13	Ransomes	63			
95	70	Record†	85		6.3	19.1
309	268	Renishaw†	294		2.9	25.8
188	126	Renold	188	+ 2	2.0	25.9
73	51	Richard (Leeds)†	51		5.5	36.5
104½	79	Richardson West	79½		6.1	17.5
204	161	Rolls-Royce†	185	+ 2	3.4	32.6
195	156	Rotork	170		3.2	17.3
190	134	Rubicon	135		4.3	15.2
150½	72	Senior Engt	81½		5.2	13.3
270	245	Servomex	266		3.1	28.4
630	500	Siebe	571		2.4	18.4
130½	75	Simon Eng	90	- 4		
82	35	So Hundred	75		2.5	26.7
1456¼	1071½	SKF 'B'	1168¾	+ 9¾		
527½	411	Smiths Ind†	457	- 1	3.6	17.6
465	337	Spirax-Sarco†	463	+ 1	2.7	19.7
267	197	Sterling Ind	235		3.4	21.1
455	343	TI	375		3.8	20.7
121	82	Tinsley (E)	118		5.0	19.2
105	45	Transfer Tech†	99	+ ½	7.0	8.4
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130		6.7	
18½	12	Utd Inds▼	16		0.8	
1518	980	VSEL†	1518	+ 30	2.9	14.2
31½	12	Verson	15½			
204	163	Vickers	185		2.4	19.6
327	234	Victaulic	235		4.3	12.9
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11			
522	451	Vinten†	514	+ 2	2.0	13.4
805	661	Vosper Thorny	754		3.1	16.2
527	451	Wagon Ind	463		4.8	23.6
354½	246½	Weir	288	+ 1	3.9	17.2
41	37½	Wellman	41		2.7	66.9
548	377	Whatman	380		3.5	13.9
264	90	Wheeoe	104		9.9	7.9

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2058	1703	Alliance	1761	- 3	3.4	
283	249½	American Trust	268	- 1	2.5	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	419	- 2	2.1	
196	147	Baillie Gifford SN	147	- 1		
219	173	Bankers†	184	- ½	2.6	
75½	45½	Baring Em Eu	46½		0.3	
381	311	Baring Tribune	328	- 1	2.5	
248	198	Berry Starq	223	+ 3	1.2	
215	162	Biotec Inv	183	- 2		
120½	91	Br Assets†	94½		5.7	
98	89	Br Empire Sec†	92½	- ½	1.3	
46	31	Br Empire Wts	37			
234	188	Br Inv	214		2.9	
100½	63½	BrazilFund	100½	+ 1½	0.3	
272	221	Brunner	237		2.8	
161	117	BZW Conv	131		7.4	
363	310	Candover	325		4.3	
65	50	Central Euro Gwth	56			
271	180	China & Eastern	186	- 1	2.4	
223	191	Cont Asset	192		2.0	
85	81	Dartmoor Inv Inc	81		12.3	
328	269	Derby Cap	288			
173	147	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
100	73	Drayton Blue	75		14.0	
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	98	+ ½	1.0	
156	128	Drytn Far East	142½	- 1	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	638		5.1	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	89½	- 1		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	306		3.7	
80	38	Dunedin Wts	39	- 1		
837	725	Dunedin Wrlde	765		1.6	
122	92½	Edin Dragon	114½	- ½		
53½	42½	Edinburgh Incat	51			
360	281	Edinburgh	305	- ½	3.6	
179	139	EFM Japan	153	- 1		
354	288	Electra Inv	329	- 1	2.7	
220	185	Electric Gen	195		2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181		2.8	
127	106	English Scot	110½			
345	286	European Asset	293	- 1	2.0	
174	145	Fidty Euro Val	157		0.2	
103½	84	Fidty Jap Val	84			
172	148	Finsbury 'A'†	156		3.4	
86	72	First Spanish	72	- 1	0.4	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	298½	- 1	0.5	
145	75	Fleming Chineset	82½	-	0.8	
267	196	Fleming Clavert	209		3.3	
385	302½	Fleming Contl	316		0.9	
264	190	Fleming Ento	208		2.9	
459	327	Fleming F East	356	- 2	0.5	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	360		1.9	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inct	98		5.6	
109	90	Fleming Indian	96			
52½	36	Fleming Intl	38½		11.6	
284	223	Fleming Japan	247	- 1½		
347	269½	Fleming Merc	282	- 1	3.0	
347¼	280½	Fleming Overs	290½	- 1½	1.8	
92	36	Fleming Wts	39	-		
155½	135½	Foreign & Col	136	- ½	1.6	
106	94	For & Col Inc Gwth	99			
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	128	- ½	0.3	
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	72½	- ½	1.0	
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	229		0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	122		0.5	
374	307	Frgn Pacific	319	- 3	1.0	
144	116	Frgn PEP†	122		3.6	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	166½		1.5	
120	91	Frgn US Smlr	102			
28½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	25			
54	46	Fulcrum Inc	48		23.2	
142½	134½	Fulcrum Zero	138½			
213	191	Gartmore Brit†	193		2.4	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	133		0.9	
130	91	Gartmore Smart	91		13.2	
128	103	Gesred Inc Inv†	106	- 1	9.8	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	153			
115½	105	Genl Inct	105		10.4	
325	214	Gov Asian Sm Co's	248	- 2	0.1	
151	101	Gov Emg Mks	122		0.3	
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	149			
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	87			
112	78	Govett High Inc	84		7.0	
429	349	Govett Oriental†	400	- 1	0.4	
346	231	Govett Strategict	243		3.5	
475	410	Greenfriar	415		2.0	
19	19	Gresham House	19			
303	235	GT Japan	235	- 1	0.7	
155	119	H Govett Smlr Co†	132		1.0	
128	113	Hend High	116		6.1	
293	257	Hend Strata	283		0.6	
105	86	Herald	96			
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	104	- 1½	0.5	
27	13	I&S Ent	14			
119	94	I&S UK Smlls	110		3.2	
158	122	Inv Capt	130		5.0	
99	90	Inv Biotech	90			
50	30	Inv Wts	37			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	154			
122	88½	J Fry 2nd U	97		8.4	
100	94	J Fry Euro U	96		6.2	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	224			
121	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	108		3.9	
243	195	Klnwt Cht	206		3.1	
149	115	Klnwt E Mkt	129			

BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gr. Red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100⁷⁄₃₂	100⅛	Treas 3% 1994	100⅛ †		8.99	
112⅞	101⅞	Treas 12% 1995	101⅞		11.87	5.73
98¾	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	99⅝		3.04	5.60
		Exch 10¼% 1995			10.00	6.29
		Treas 12¾% 1995			12.05	6.57
		Treas 14% 1996			12.99	6.87
		Treas 15¼% 1996			13.73	7.14
		Exch 13¼% 1996			12.22	7.19
		Conv 10% 1996			9.58	7.60
		Treas 13¼% 1997			11.97	7.78
		Exch 10½% 1997			9.96	7.82
		Treas 8¾% 1997			8.60	8.04
		Exch 15% 1997			12.76	8.13
		Exch 9¾% 1998			9.37	8.24
		Treas 7¼% 1998			7.46	8.22
		Treas 6¾% 1995-98			7.06	8.25
		Treas 15½% 1998			11.99	8.36
		Exch 12% 1998			10.71	8.40
		Treas 9½% 1999			9.15	8.35
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
		Exch 12¼% 1999			10.78	8.44
		Treas 10½% 1999			9.76	8.43
		Treas 6% 1999			6.60	8.37
		Conv 10¼% 1999			9.57	8.49
		Conv 9% 2000			8.80	8.45
		Treas 13% 2000			10.90	8.60
		Treas 10% 2001			9.39	8.61
		Treas 7% 2001			7.61	8.56
		Treas 9¾% 2002			9.20	8.69
		Treas 8% 2003			8.29	8.60
		Treas 10% 2003			9.25	8.66
		Treas 11½% 2001-04			10.18	8.79
		Fund 3½% 1999-04			4.72	7.28
		Conv 9½% 2004			8.98	8.62
		Treas 6¾% 2004			7.65	8.53
		Conv 9½% 2005			8.94	8.68
		Treas 12½% 2003-05			10.25	8.90
		Treas 7¾% 2006			8.21	8.52
		Treas 8% 2002-06			8.38	8.50
		Treas 11¾% 2003-07			10.11	8.90
		Treas 8½% 2007			8.53	8.54
		Treas 13½% 2004-08			10.48	8.91
		Treas 9% 2008			8.67	8.53
LONGS (over 15 years)						
		Treas 8% 2009			8.36	8.52
		Conv 9% 2011			8.63	8.51
		Treas 9% 2012			8.61	8.49
		Treas 5½% 2008-12			7.40	8.27
		Treas 8% 2013			8.34	8.43
		Treas 7¾% 2012-15			8.28	8.44
		Treas 8¾% 2017			8.47	8.42
		Exch 12% 2013-17			9.16	8.65
UNDATED						
		War Ln 3½%			8.41	
		Treas 2½%			8.84	
INDEX-LINKED						
		Treas IL 2% 1996			2.51	4.00
		Treas IL 4⅝% 1998			2.77	3.65
		Treas IL 2½% 2001			3.24	3.78
		Treas IL 2½% 2003			3.45	3.81
		Treas IL 4⅜% 2004			3.48	3.82
		Treas IL 2% 2006			3.55	3.81
		Treas IL 2½% 2009			3.61	3.84
		Treas IL 2½% 2011			3.64	3.84
		Treas IL 2½% 2013			3.65	3.84
		Treas IL 2½% 2016			3.68	3.86
		Treas IL 2½% 2020			3.71	3.87
		Treas IL 2½% 2024			3.78	3.84
		Treas IL 4⅛% 2030			3.73	3.87



Source: Finstat

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 0895 259 783				
Endeavour Amer	186.00	195.10†	- 1.80	0.89
Endeavour Equity	235.10	248.80	- 0.50	1.85
Endeavour Euro	198.70	209.10	- 0.30	0.23
Endeavour Eqt Ret	111.70	115.80	...	2.57
Endeavour Gilt	72.08	74.28	+ 0.27	5.22
Endeavour Japan	174.50	184.70†	- 1.80	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 0800 558 281				
General Acc	522.20	555.80	- 0.30	2.77
General Inc	469.60	499.00	- 0.30	2.77
UK Growth Acc	353.30	375.90†	- 0.10	2.85
UK Growth Inc	241.80	257.30†	...	2.85
Higher Inc Acc	664.80	706.40†	+ 0.20	3.87
Higher Inc Inc	393.80	418.40†	- 0.20	3.87
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	181.00	191.10	+ 0.08	6.09
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.00	92.95	+ 0.18	6.09
Nth America	255.10	271.40†	- 0.20	...
Far East	359.50	382.50†	- 3.10	...
Europe	264.80	281.50	+ 0.20	0.78
Brit Excell	69.63	74.06†	- 0.81	3.06
Brit Fiducials Acc	98.90	105.00	+ 0.10	4.74
Brit Fiducials Inc	72.59	77.23	+ 0.10	4.74
Global Opps	81.84	87.07†	- 0.23	0.25
Balanced Acc	53.17	56.57†	- 0.02	2.57
Balanced Inc	52.12	55.45†	- 0.04	2.87
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	127.40	135.20	+ 0.40	5.92
High Inc Equity	158.20	168.20†	- 0.30	4.65
Worldwide Bond	253.50	269.90†	- 0.20	3.90
Capital Growth:				
American Growth	275.40	294.20	- 1.80	.77
Asian Pacific	341.20	363.00	- 3.20	...
Assets & Earnings	254.10	270.30†	- 0.10	2.63
Comdity & Energy	114.00	121.90	- 0.90	.04
Euro Capital Inc	129.50	138.50	...	.70
(Accum Units)	138.80	148.40	...	.70
General	218.70	232.70	- 0.20	2.84
Japan	126.40	134.50	- 1.30	...
Mastertrust	138.90	148.60	- 0.40	1.58
UK Growth Dist	115.10	123.10†	...	2.37
US Emerging Cos	131.00	140.10	+ 0.30	...
Income & Growth	371.70	395.40†	- 0.80	3.18
Ethical	67.11	71.39	- 0.11	2.50
International	115.60	123.00	- 0.50	.98
Dividend & Growth	59.82	63.64	- 0.10	4.42
Global Bnds & Sec	66.06	70.47	+ 0.09	2.67
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.64	£16.83	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	42.00	43.69†	- 0.13	0.74
Cash	50.39	50.39	+ 0.02	4.47
European	107.60	112.40	+ 0.10	...
Exempt	565.60	£10.36†	+ 1.70	3.78
Extra Income #	48.08	51.63	+ 0.31	5.88
Far East Emg Eco	117.80	124.80	- 0.50	0.60
Fixed Interest #	22.81	23.11	+ 0.02	8.94
Fund Inv Tst	175.80	185.10†	...	0.98
Japan	186.60	195.40	- 1.40	...
Latin American	72.81	75.59	- 0.71	0.84
Pacific	73.85	77.52	- 0.42	0.35
Property Share	62.73	65.85	- 0.24	2.03
UK Emerging Cos	63.16	66.90	- 0.83	1.87
UK Growth	43.47	46.19†	+ 0.04	2.34
Abtr World Port #	72.44	73.83†	- 0.89	2.22
Ethical	58.06	63.07	- 0.02	2.78
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.48	49.46	+ 0.07	7.59
For Aeonia Fds see United Friendly				
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 549 3232				
British Growth	67.65	71.97†	+ 0.02	2.72
British Income	78.32	83.32†	...	3.44
Select Portfolio	84.98	90.31†	- 0.24	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	73.69	78.15	+ 0.05	0.88
Income Builders Inc	67.23	71.52	- 0.04	0.09
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 0793 618 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 614				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	226.30	238.70†	- 0.50	3.27
Capital	391.90	418.90†	- 0.70	1.87
Balanced	661.30	708.90	- 3.10	2.81
Accumulator	£12.08	£12.91†	- 5.09	3.14
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.48	48.59	- 0.22	3.66
High Income	383.00	409.40	- 1.20	3.77
Equity Income	217.50	232.50	- 1.00	3.58
High Yield	232.80	248.80†	- 1.30	3.49
Govt Securities	32.29	34.09†	+ 0.04	8.22
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.40	144.70	- 0.70	0.48
European Growth	34.51	36.96	- 0.18	0.81
International	158.50	169.40	- 0.40	0.19
Japan	210.80	224.90	- 2.20	0.01
Pacific	412.80	441.30	- 3.30	0.81
Secs of America	399.50	425.10†	- 1.20	0.54
Wrlde Asset Val	47.32	50.58	- 0.25	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	502.50	537.10†	- 0.80	2.98
Conv & Gilt	42.93	45.88	- 0.02	5.06
Smaller Cos	160.60	171.00	+ 0.10	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	151.30	161.70	+ 0.20	1.50
Recovery	129.90	138.80†	- 0.40	1.88
Met Min & Cdty	148.10	158.30†	- 0.90	0.75
Oseas Earnings	338.40	361.70	- 0.70	1.88
Technology	159.40	170.30†	- 0.40	0.01
UK Special Sits	430.70	460.40	- 1.30	1.88
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0293 526 911				
Cncld Dist Pens	97.02	100.80†	...	1.45
Foundn Fxd Pens	81.59	83.09‡	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	80.05	23.47	- 0.18	1.00
International	62.00	66.90		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 031 222 4242				
America	276.60	287.90	- 0.20	...
Bond	107.00	112.70†	...	7.39
Brit Smlr Cos	96.95	102.50	- 0.10	1.40
Conv & Gen #	64.22	66.54†	- 0.09	5.45
Energy	418.00	449.30	- 11.10	0.11
Europe	218.20	232.00†	- 0.50	0.49
Euro Smlr Cos	98.65	105.50†	- 0.08	0.87
Income Gwth	333.00	356.00	- 0.20	4.45
Japan	325.20	343.40†	- 2.80	...
Pacific	108.20	115.20	- 1.10	0.70
UK Smlr Cos	50.45	53.57	+ 0.03	1.16
Japan Fd	735.40	757.40	- 7.20	...
Mngd Fd	168.10	178.40	- 0.30	3.00
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 071 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	277.80	293.30	...	1.28
Capital Gwth	109.10	114.80	...	2.34
Wrldw Opps	181.70	191.30	...	0.42
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts:				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	333.80	347.70†	- 0.70	2.98
European Bd Inc	88.40	91.80	- 0.06	7.81
Exempt	71.44	76.28†	- 0.04	4.31
Financial	70.80	75.50†	- 0.37	2.80
500.0	430.30	460.20	- 0.30	2.47
General	262.80	281.10	- 0.40	2.85
Property	251.30	268.90	...	5.8
Trustee	176.50	188.80	- 0.50	2.55
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†	...	4.58
Extra Income	112.50	120.20†	- 0.10	4.21
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.32	57.18†	+ 0.19	8.01
Income	510.30	545.80	- 0.70	4.11
Income Builder	61.08	64.88	- 0.02	4.89
Intl Income	62.29	66.26	- 0.17	3.56
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	113.10	120.60	- 0.30	2.54
Leisure	117.80	126.00	...	1.34
Recovery	400.20	428.00	- 1.20	2.69
Smlr Cos Inc	41.46	44.45	- 0.05	2.09
Special Sits	270.10	288.90	- 0.30	1.64
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	120.60	128.60†	- 0.90	0.72
Aust Acc	241.20	258.60	- 0.70	2.16
Aust Inc	150.00	159.60	- 0.40	2.18
Euro Gwth Inc	147.00	155.90	- 0.10	0.63
(Accum Units)	157.30	168.80	- 0.10	0.63
Japan & Gen Inc	183.10	193.90	- 1.90	...
(Accum Units)	185.20	196.10	- 1.90	...
Japan Spec Sits	84.20	89.29	- 0.83	...
Unlv Tech Inc	78.00	83.05	- 0.04	0.19
Worldwide	167.30	177.80	- 0.80	0.71
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 081 858 9002				
American Growth	91.27	96.95	+ 0.05	...
Amer Smlr Cos	125.10	134.00	...	...
Convertibles	54.72	58.52	+ 0.07	5.50
Eastern	284.80	307.30	- 3.50	0.10
Equity Income	86.34	91.85†	+ 0.13	4.90
European Growth	305.60	322.80	+ 0.80	1.60
Europe	211.10	225.10	- 0.50	0.60
German Growth	70.19	74.45	- 0.13	0.18
Global Bond	61.32	64.60	+ 0.13	6.40
Global Growth	129.50	131.60	- 0.40	...
Japan Growth	203.40	217.20	- 1.50	...
Japan Smlr	177.90	189.20	- 1.80	...
Korea Trust	86.25	90.12	- 0.56	...
Portfolio	129.50	138.40	- 0.10	1.80
(Accum Units)	236.70	252.50	- 0.30	1.80
UK Growth	82.36	87.61	- 0.12	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	98.22	104.21†	- 0.05	1.50
Select Managers	72.78	77.92	- 0.08	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Ptfl Inc	78.18	81.64	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.15	58.67	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	180.20	190.00	+ 0.90	1.46
Dividend	82.79	88.35	- 0.47	3.85
Intl Gth & Inc	209.00	223.50	- 0.70	3.23
UK & Gen	43.30	46.81	- 0.16	1.65
Fund of Funds	63.40	67.61	- 0.04	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 041 223 0820				
Balanced Growth	101.60	107.73†	- 0.34	1.78
(Accum Units)	114.44	121.11	- 0.37	1.78
Smaller Cos	100.55	108.41†	+ 0.08	1.33
Higher Yield #	43.51	46.08†	- 0.07	4.61
American Gth Inc	69.86	73.08	- 0.19	...
European Growth	131.10	138.80	- 1.65	0.05
(Accum Units)	133.75	141.53	- 1.60	0.05
Global Bond Inc #	25.29	26.70†	+ 0.05	7.21
Mngd Ptflo Inc	41.18	43.49	- 0.13	1.41
(Accum Units)	41.68	44.10	- 0.13	1.41
Inv Spec Opps	114.45	121.11	- 1.17	0.44
Pacific Gth	130.81	138.42	- 0.80	...
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	74.60	79.04	+ 1.01	3.54
(Accum Units) #	75.47	79.86	+ 1.02	3.54
Japan	64.80	68.66	- 0.59	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.35	94.23†	+ 0.39	7.35
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.40	65.24	+ 0.07	6.53
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 061 837 5060				
Environ	147.70	157.20	+ 0.10	1.60
UK Growth	160.90	171.20	- 0.10	2.31
UK Income	127.10	135.30†	...	4.44
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	182.30	193.20	- 0.20	2.05
-do- Income Dist	103.50	109.70†	...	4.56
(Accum Units)	312.40	331.10	- 0.10	4.50
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.17	41.52	+ 0.12	6.55
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	144.90	154.10	- 0.40	...
European Inc	75.55	80.04	- 0.05	0.90
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.23	82.16	+ 0.12	1.02
Growth	404.10	429.30	- 2.70	2.35
Income & Growth	393.50	418.70	- 0.30	3.97
(Accum Units)	532.60	566.10	- 0.60	3.97
Japan & Gen	74.14	78.67	- 0.51	...
Mgers Portfolio	£160.94	£164.92†	- 21.08	1.97
(Accum Units)	£120.01	£124.74	- 25.00	1.97
Special Sits	93.91	99.91	...	2.30
High Yield	£12.67	£13.07†	...	4.44
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS 031 226 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	34.69	37.10†	- 0.45	...
Cash Income	50.01	50.07†	+ 0.01	4.65
European Gwth	38.70	41.31	+ 0.08	0.16
Income & Gwth Inc	26.32	28.14	+ 0.01	4.74
Intl Gwth	29.89	31.98	- 0.10	0.25
Japan Gwth	27.96	29.92	- 0.17	...
Managed Tst Inc	45.81	48.84	+ 0.01	2.05
Oriental Opps Inc	144.70	154.70	- 1.30	...
Property Shares	34.75	37.16	- 2.27	0.85
Smaller Cos	30.30	32.40†	+ 0.70	1.60
UK Growth Tst	25.18	26.92	...	3.03
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.42	75.31	- 0.05	1.32
Cap Hse UK Inc	65.10	69.62†	+ 0.33	2.72
Exempt (E)	28.84	30.70	...	1.78
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	136.50	145.70	- 0.40	0.55
Founders	88.76	94.83	+ 0.02	3.48
Germany	49.49	52.89†	- 0.11	...
High Income	71.36	76.05	- 0.06	6.25
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.80	...	1.07
Monthly Income	79.11	84.60	+ 0.05	4.47
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.20	86.61	- 0.04	2.31
American Portfolio	86.01	91.60	- 0.25	1.22
European Portfolio	92.81	98.82	- 0.32	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	65.57	70.06	- 0.86	...
Pacific Portfolio	142.04	152.74	- 0.90	0.69
UK Inc & Growth	73.53	78.87	- 0.06	3.56
Utility & Bond	53.87	54.44	...	8.95
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	647.20	654.10	...	4.83
Fxd Int Sec	148.40	148.75	...	8.86
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 071 382 5000				
UK General Tst	63.62	67.80	- 0.07	2.96
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 071 588 1815				
Inc	538.65	544.81	...	4.73
Accum	£27.11	£27.41	...	...
Inc	118.95	119.14	...	8.74
(Accum Units)	181.34	181.65	...	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 071 837 7657				
Intl Growth	124.49	135.75	...	...
UK Income	108.34	116.17	...	5.175
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	70.87	75.27†	...	2.22
Beck Bio-Tech	24.39	27.40	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	150.63	158.77	...	1.02
City Fin Assets	69.52	73.94†	+ 0.06	1.07
City Fin America	80.82	84.23	...	...
City Fin Intl	75.95	79.95†	...	0.49
City Fin Japan	171.24	180.25	...	...
Fiers Hse Cap	264.53	285.21	+ 4.11	1.92
Fiers Hse Inc	191.38	203.54†	+ 1.25	4.07
Buckley Wrld Gth	131.16	139.53	...	0.09
Falconet Cap Gth	137.35	146.12†	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	109.27	113.97	...	1.61
Fairmount Intl	158.04	164.25†	...	...
City Fin Pftlo Inc	53.97	57.41	...	4.26
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.97	60.55	- 0.18	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.14	56.83	- 0.02	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.06	38.57	- 0.13	0.27
Dragon Growth	70.44	75.34	- 0.60	0.28
Equity High Inc	79.91	85.01	- 0.05	3.94
(Accum Units)	106.65	113.47	- 0.07	3.94
European Gwth	48.08	52.21	+ 0.13	0.75
Evergreen	28.31	30.28	- 0.17	...
General Growth	80.89	85.82	- 0.02	2.52
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.69	25.12	+ 0.11	8.30
Japan Growth	52.43	56.97	- 0.58	...
Pedigree Gwth	48.69	51.80	...	2.88
Pref Sm Cos Inc	29.75	31.83†	+ 0.02	1.09
(Accum Units)	30.98	32.87	+ 0.02	1.09
Retirement Inc #	25.13	26.88	- 0.02	5.70
Special Sits	35.72	38.27	+ 0.20	1.98
UK & Overseas	47.29	50.31	- 0.17	1.18
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0634 898 000				
Capital	64.69	69.18	+ 0.01	2.30
Income	58.29	62.34	+ 0.05	4.29
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	153.57	163.37†	- 0.27	5.49
Fixed & Convertible	38.59	41.05†	+ 0.15	7.56
Monthly Inc Plus	46.58	49.55	+ 0.12	9.04
Preference Share	43.97	46.78†	- 0.04	7.84
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	119.55	127.18†	- 1.66	7.33
Managed Fund	65.37	69.54†	- 0.23	3.03
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.13	40.56	+ 0.02	1.87
(Accum Units)	43.60	46.41	+ 0.03	1.67
UK & General	75.80	80.64†	- 0.09	2.75
(Accum Units)	94.87	100.99†	- 0.11	2.75
UK Growth	135.76	144.36	- 0.15	2.36
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.60	194.28	+ 0.47	0.25
Far Eastern Gwth	135.52	144.17	- 1.62	...
Global Bond	73.77	78.42†	+ 0.21	6.46
Japan Growth	124.23	132.16	- 0.85	...
North Amer Gwth	153.80	163.70	- 0.40	...
Oriental Growth	77.16	82.09	- 0.90	...
Worldwide Growth	62.22	66.19†	- 0.10	0.68
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.95	91.95†	+ 0.08	5.32
Homemaker Fund	75.56	80.38	- 0.09	1.88
Gilter Fund	125.83	133.33	- 0.12	2.94
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	56.49	60.09	- 0.04	3.00
(Accum Units)	80.41	84.25	- 0.04	3.00
High Income	32.43	34.50†	...	4.50
Japan	36.35	38.67	- 0.34	...
Smaller Cos Inc	29.67	31.56†	- 0.02	2.68
Smaller Cos	31.42	33.42	- 0.02	2.50
North American	31.53	33.54	- 0.03	0.40
European	35.93	38.22	+ 0.14	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.15	32.34	...	3.34
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 369				
Growth	134.00	142.60†	+ 0.18	2.12
Income	69.57	74.02	+ 0.11	4.89
European	60.29	64.05†	+ 0.18	1.01
Recovery	151.00	160.70	+ 0.56	2.01
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 071 393 0464				
Equity Dist	755.30	808.00†	...	4.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.48	72.85	- 0.08	1.35
Income #	228.80	243.40†	...	4.78
(Accum Units) #	563.50	599.40	- 0.10	4.78
Smaller Cos	147.00	156.30	+ 0.40	0.86
(Accum Units)	179.97	190.50	+ 0.40	0.86
Inv Portfolio	76.58	81.46	- 0.18	1.47
High Inc Port #	66.54	70.78	- 0.04	4.90
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 071 410 8177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.04	£15.38†	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£12.57	£12.83†	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.21	£17.87	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.45	£15.80†	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	195.50	205.80†	...	2.88
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	266.90	282.10	+ 1.40	0.99
New Asia	218.50	231.20†	- 1.30	0.15
Japan Growth	122.80	130.70†	- 1.00	...
Jap Smllr Co	516.40	549.20	- 6.90	...
Nth Amer	240.60	256.00	- 0.40	0.83
Sfld Asia Pac Mt	118.49	126.28	- 1.20	0.86
UK Inc & Gth	207.20	221.30	+ 0.10	3.00
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	136.30	145.80	- 0.40	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	143.80	153.00†	...	4.71
(Accum Units)	184.10	195.90†	...	4.71
UK Prof & F I Inc	56.87	60.36	+ 0.17	5.19
Emerging Opps	80.19	85.31	- 0.20	1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 586				
American	114.10	121.10†	- 0.40	1.45
Convertibles #	20.44	21.72	+ 0.03	6.45
Equity Income #	122.70	130.40	- 0.26	4.86
EuroFund	43.59	46.23	- 0.05	0.43
Financial	44.47	47.25	- 0.19	1.59
Growth & Inc #	226.20	240.30	- 0.50	3.20
High Dist #	148.00	157.30†	- 0.30	4.77
International	389.30	413.80	- 1.20	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	92.66	98.19†	- 0.08	2.77
Latin American	48.28	49.17	- 0.71	...
Pacific	88.25	93.77	- 0.54	...
Preference Share	21.68	22.95†	+ 0.05	7.19
Tokyo	226.00	241.80	- 1.80	...
UK Smaller Cos	210.50	223.80	- 0.50	1.23
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 071 242 0242				
Ebor Trust	205.64	219.71	+ 1.01	0.97
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 071 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	199.80	212.50†	...	0.81
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0296 431 480				
European	76.21	80.22	- 0.11	1.70
Ethical Tst	43.69	45.99	- 0.06	1.09
Far Eastern	304.49	320.50	- 1.81	1.68
High Income #	127.25	133.95†	- 0.29	4.80
Intl Growth	119.21	124.43	- 0.16	1.32
North American	105.04	110.57	- 0.40	1.34
Pelican	112.54	118.46†	- 0.47	3.40
Smaller Cos	68.88	72.51	- 0.18	2.93
Special Sits	85.93	90.45	+ 0.21	3.39
Tst of Inv Tsts	182.58	192.17	+ 0.83	1.44
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	200.14	208.49†	+ 0.13	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	350.21	364.80†	+ 0.23	1.41
Recovery	51.24	53.38†	+ 0.06	1.05
Recovery Acc	51.68	53.83†	+ 0.07	1.05
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 0392 412 144				
Balanced	104.04	110.68†	+ 0.28	6.28
Capital Growth	80.32	86.13†	+ 0.18	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.57	47.54	- 0.08	0.61
High Income #	43.86	47.80†	+ 0.05	9.79
Valiant	56.46	61.37	- 0.06	...
Zero Preference	35.29	37.38	+ 0.02	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 0273 230 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.71	78.41†	+ 0.120	2.42
Family Income Tst	45.65	48.65†	- 0.02	5.83
Family Trust	81.88	87.08†	+ 0.180	1.14
United Charities	251.60	267.50†	- 0.80	2.73
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.37	28.47†	- 0.04	8.00
Intl Bond	26.84	27.65†	- 0.01	5.35
Income Funds				
High Income	24.68	25.97†	- 0.03	5.31
Income Plus	108.80	115.73	- 0.40	4.36
Amer Eq Inc	44.21	46.84†	- 0.32	1.59
European Income	41.76	43.77	...	2.06
Far East Inc	61.65	64.65†	- 0.06	2.26
Global Convertible	22.57	24.03	+ 0.07	3.61
UK Div Gth	23.59	25.09	...	1.13
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.58	69.96†	- 0.30	...
American	220.40	232.98†	- 1.20	...
Amer Spec Sits	110.90	118.30	- 0.10	...
Japan Smaller Cos	40.95	43.66	- 0.38	...
European	161.60	171.90	+ 0.10	...
European Opps	81.73	85.64	- 0.01	...
Global Pty	24.25	25.77	+ 0.02	1.29
UK Growth	86.12	91.57	- 1.15	
Growth & Inc	137.60	146.40	- 0.29	2.57
Intl PEP	35.69	37.95	- 0.08	
Japan Spec Sits	93.89	99.88	- 1.02	
Japan	198.70	211.70	- 2.10	
Managed Intl	265.00	282.00	- 1.60	...
Moneybuilder	51.84	55.13	- 0.17	
Recovery	46.70	49.66	0.01	
South E Asia	150.80	160.80	- 1.60	
Special Sits	510.00	542.30	+ 1.30	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	197.18	197.18	+ 0.03	4.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 071 814 2780				
Balanced #	125.37	128.38	...	1.54
Inc Ptflio #	84.19	85.77†	+ 0.03	3.87
Cap Ptflio	141.10	144.00	- 0.30	0.93
General Opps	119.70	121.90†		3.41
Growth Inc	90.03	90.67†	+ 0.01	1.74
Private Portfolio	394.50	403.00		1.46
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	109.50	115.80	+ 0.10	0.54
Emrg Asian	171.30	183.20†	- 1.00	
High Income	21.22	22.58†	+ 0.02	9.96
Oseas Income	88.93	95.05	- 0.21	3.01
UK Growth	105.30	112.70	- 0.10	1.66
UK Income	101.10	107.80†	+ 0.10	4.27
US Smaller Cos	282.00	301.60†	- 0.60	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	47.52	49.97	+ 0.01	3.38
-do- Inv Tst Inc	74.25	78.08	- 0.03	4.23
Intl Growth	71.59	75.28†		1.22
Investment Trust	88.98	93.56	- 0.07	
UK Smaller Cos	78.46	82.50	- 0.13	1.23
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.67	56.16	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	52.67	56.16	- 0.10	
Amer Smlr Cos	453.20	484.60	- 1.40	
(Accum Units)	463.00	495.10	- 1.40	
Capital Tst	301.50	320.70	+ 0.30	1.56
(Accum Units)	430.60	458.00	+ 0.30	1.56
Cmnd Smllr Cos	56.49	60.83	- 0.09	0.59
(Accum Units)	59.40	63.99	- 0.09	0.59
Convertible	128.30	136.40	+ 0.10	5.70
(Accum Units)	253.00	269.10	- 0.20	5.70
Emerging Markets	80.64	86.15	- 0.52	
(Accum Units)	80.71	86.22	- 0.52	
European	113.90	120.90	+ 0.20	0.14
(Accum Units)	119.30	126.70	+ 0.20	0.14
Extra Income	320.70	341.10		3.93
(Accum Units)	474.60	504.80		3.93
Financial	114.30	123.10	- 0.20	0.23
(Accum Units)	120.30	129.70	- 0.20	0.23
Gilt Trust	60.57	62.46	- 0.27	6.38
(Accum Units)	84.58	87.23	- 0.38	6.38
Health Fund Inc	121.10	129.30	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	121.10	129.30	- 0.10	
Income & Growth	182.90	194.50	+ 0.20	3.19
(Accum Units)	276.10	293.60	+ 0.20	3.19
Intl Growth	349.50	372.50†	- 0.60	
(Accum Units)	387.00	413.60†	- 0.70	
Japan & Gen	182.70	195.80	- 2.00	
(Accum Units)	184.50	197.80	- 2.00	
Managed Port Inc	101.70	107.00	- 0.10	1.44
(Accum Units)	107.80	113.40	- 0.10	1.44
Monthly Income	158.70	168.80	- 0.10	3.95
Quarterly Income	50.84	54.07	- 0.01	4.67
(Accum Units)	54.09	57.52	- 0.01	4.67
Recovery	332.40	355.40	- 1.80	0.08
(Accum Units)	391.30	418.40	- 2.10	0.08
UK Growth	51.14	54.53		2.69
(Accum Units)	52.90	56.41	- 0.01	2.69
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342				
FP Equity Dist	365.60	389.90†	- 1.00	2.63
-do- Accum	774.10	823.50†	- 2.00	2.63
FP Euro Gth Dist	137.70	146.40	+ 0.20	0.22
-do- Accum	143.50	152.60	+ 0.20	0.22
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.70	136.10	+ 0.70	7.23
-do- Accum	232.90	246.30	+ 1.20	7.23
FP Intl Gth Dist	91.23	97.05	- 0.52	0.52
-do- Accum	95.13	101.20	- 0.60	0.52
FP Nth Amer Dist	178.00	188.50	- 0.80	1.14
-do- Accum	195.20	206.72	- 0.90	1.14
FP Pac Basin Dist	314.70	334.70	- 2.00	0.12
-do- Accum	321.10	341.50	- 2.00	0.12
Stewardship Dist	317.10	337.30†	- 0.40	2.06
-do- Accum	387.80	412.50†	- 0.40	2.06
Stewdshp Inc Dist	69.83	74.07†	+ 0.04	3.67
-do- Accum	89.77	95.49†	+ 0.06	3.67
N Am Stshp Dist	95.13	101.20	- 0.10	0.57
-do- Accum	100.80	107.20	- 0.10	0.57
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	106.40	113.10	- 0.30	0.88
Open Cap Gth Acc	109.20	116.10	- 0.10	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.30	108.80	- 0.30	1.70
Cap Gth Inc Acc	103.90	110.50	- 0.30	1.70
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	104.30	110.90	- 0.10	1.65
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	105.80	112.50	- 0.20	1.65
NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.91	44.58†	- 0.28	1.32
Australian	318.00	341.10	- 1.50	0.0
Conscience	69.36	74.02	+ 0.06	0.44
European	195.10	207.50	+ 0.40	0.80
(Accum Units)	211.10	224.50	+ 0.50	0.80
Extra Income	69.51	74.18†	+ 0.09	5.98
Gilt & FI	55.56	58.76	+ 0.15	6.49
Gold	54.11	58.18	+ 0.10	0.0
Income	52.72	56.23	- 0.04	3.96
(Accum Units)	167.60	178.70	- 0.20	3.96
Intl	32.00	34.24†	- 0.15	0.69
(Accum Units)	46.54	49.66	- 0.22	0.69
Jap Smaller Cos	381.00	406.40	- 3.80	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	265.90	285.20	- 0.90	0.0
Smaller Cos	29.57	31.29	+ 0.03	0.83
Special Sits	34.98	37.61†	- 0.04	1.89
Sterling Deposit	100.70	100.70†		4.80
Tokyo	89.10	95.04	- 1.04	0.0
UK Equity	165.40	177.40	- 0.60	2.68
(Accum Units)	318.50	338.80	- 1.00	2.69
US Smaller Cos	108.00	115.50	- 0.60	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	227.80	240.80†	- 0.50	2.64
Cash	49.37	50.11†	+ 0.02	4.13
Growth Portfolio	76.93	81.54	- 0.28	0.71
Income Portfolio	61.48	65.01†	- 0.12	4.66
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	175.60	187.80	+ 3.20	...
European	537.40	574.90	- 0.40	0.47
Far East & Gen	283.90	303.70	- 2.50	..
Germany	113.70	120.50	+ 0.30	
Income Inc	146.30	156.40		4.51
(Accum Units)	154.80	165.60		4.51
International	332.80	355.10	- 0.18	0.20
Intl Income	77.13	81.86	- 0.25	4.22
Japan & General	404.40	430.10	- 1.40	..
Korean Securities	81.11	86.75	+ 3.35	
Smll Cos Div Inc	46.16	49.37	- 0.17	4.82
UK Capital (inc)	164.80	176.30		0.99
UK Spec Sits	82.54	88.28	+ 1.10	0.65
US & General	128.80	137.20	- 0.60	
Wrlde Spec Sits	154.90	165.70	- 0.60	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.61	48.69	- 0.06	2.41
Cash Trust	135.37	135.37†	+ 0.04	4.30
Practical Inv Inc #	111.62	119.38	- 0.06	3.48
(Accum Units) #	253.79	271.43	- 0.15	3.48
UK Index	142.31	145.33	- 0.73	3.18
UK Smaller Cos	118.22	126.44†	+ 0.10	1.26
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.87	25.53†	+ 0.04	9.60
High Income	32.23	34.47†	- 0.03	5.28
UK Equity Income	132.42	141.63†	- 0.22	3.59
Global Bond	26.99	27.99	+ 0.05	5.32
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	58.48	60.41	- 1.43	
Global Inc & Gth	128.67	136.96†	- 0.48	1.96
Gold & Intl Res	116.91	125.04	- 1.86	
Global Utilities	131.47	140.89	- 0.65	1.08
Overseas Funds				
American	134.44	143.38	- 0.60	0.98
European	96.25	102.02	+ 0.04	0.97
Euro Sel Opps	137.78	146.57	- 0.30	
Amer Emerging	93.76	100.28	- 1.31	
Hong Kong	141.44	151.62	- 1.77	1.40
Japan	246.77	261.20	- 2.49	
Pacific Growth	227.45	243.26	- 2.08	1.28
Gartmore Pension Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	208.38	208.38†	- 0.04	2.09
Long Term Bal	226.00	226.00†	+ 0.06	2.64
Med Term Bal	190.09	190.09†	+ 0.14	3.39
UK Equity	232.15	232.15†	+ 0.27	2.61
UK Emerging Cos	137.80	137.80	+ 0.15	2.21
American	216.58	216.58	- 1.02	1.51
Japan	129.18	129.18	- 0.66	
European	248.82	248.82	- 0.10	0.97
Index Linked Gilt	163.24	163.24	+ 0.05	2.95
Fixed Interest	151.86	151.86†	+ 0.63	6.77
Amer Emergng	244.41	244.41	- 1.42	
Pacific	246.65	246.65	- 1.32	0.59
Emerging Mkts	166.26	166.26	- 1.04	0.11
Index Strat Japan	154.05	154.05		0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	194.38	194.38		0.98
-do- Cont Europe	143.34	143.34		1.91
Index Strat USA	125.41	125.41		2.45
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	98.31	104.58	- 0.02	
Med Term Bal	89.26	94.96	+ 0.01	
Long Term Bal	101.63	108.12	+ 1.59	
UK Equity	107.22	114.06	+ 0.10	
UK Emerging Cos	64.58	68.70	+ 0.09	
American	100.42	106.83	- 0.51	
Japan	62.03	65.99	- 0.33	
European	103.67	110.29	- 0.05	
Fixed Interest	76.49	81.37	+ 0.33	
Index Linked Gilt	72.37	76.99	+ 0.02	
Deposit	79.18	84.24	+ 0.03	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	122.55	130.00	- 0.16	
Berkeley Income	110.62	116.44	- 0.07	3.19
BWH Intl	136.92	144.13	- 0.21	0.59
BoCTB Gth Port Inc	59.41	62.70	- 0.07	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	55.15	58.21†	- 0.06	3.40
-do- Wrlde Port	52.95	55.48	- 0.09	0.50
Shaw Utilities	58.02	61.24†	- 0.04	2.51
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	530.87	564.75	...	1.27
(Accum Units)	582.31	619.48	...	1.27
European Inc	140.63	149.61	...	0.93
Amalgam Inc	143.09	152.12	..	..
N America Inc	319.86	340.27		
Far East Inc	363.12	386.30		
(Accum Units)	376.08	400.09		
UK Divid Inc	172.56	183.57		1.30
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7808				
UK Equity Inc	87.40	92.05	+ 0.05	4.73
UK Small Cos	44.94	48.07	+ 0.16	0.90
British Growth	51.95	55.53	+ 0.22	2.48
American Gwth	160.90	171.44	+ 0.02	
Japan Gwth	78.35	83.80	- 0.94	
Greater China	199.25	213.11	- 1.42	
Pacific Strategy	170.20	182.14	- 1.15	
European Gwth	82.84	88.60†	- 0.19	0.12
Intl Growth	144.08	154.10	- 0.33	
US Index (E)	12.85	13.54	+ 0.02	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	73.78	78.13	+ 0.01	2.23
Monthly Income	37.92	40.48†	...	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (E)	10.30	10.65	- 0.08	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	88.74	94.40		1.24
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 071 538 8688				
Cash	137.00	137.00†		3.84
European	470.00	502.10	+ 0.30	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	124.00	131.60	+ 0.40	5.03
Growth Equity	320.90	342.80†	- 1.00	1.94
Income Trust	126.70	135.30	- 0.20	3.04
International	178.40	190.50	- 1.10	
Japan Trust	131.70	140.70	- 1.40	
Nth American	247.40	264.30†	- 2.00	0.25
Pacific	564.20	602.70†	- 3.80	...
Growth	474.90	507.90	- 0.80	1.96
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 071 522 2129				
Brit Trust	98.47	102.19	- 0.04	7.33
Global High Inc	97.61	101.22†	- 0.27	8.61
Prem Fixed Int	99.61	103.39	+ 0.18	8.64
Eqty & Bond Inc	99.19	105.57†	- 0.07	[illegible]
European Growth	100.01	106.34	- 0.08	
Intl PEP Trust	58.81	62.62	- 0.05	
High Income	116.85	124.27†	0.23	4.16
-do- Accum	160.02	170.12	- 0.32	4.16
Recovery	357.80	380.50†	- 0.80	1.64
(Accum Units)	409.50	435.70	- 1.60	1.64
St Vinc High Inc	124.12	125.39	- 0.05	5.93
Temp Bar Emer Co	232.70	253.30†	- 0.70	1.49
Inv Lt Sm Co Inc	355.01	361.83	- 0.56	2.04
Glob Ptfl Tst	91.74	97.54†	0.05	1.47
(Accum Units)	92.59	98.45	- 0.08	1.47
Inc Share Tst	90.58	96.31	- 0.31	7.77
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	197.30	209.20	- 3.80	2.43
Smaller Cos	32.36	34.43	- 0.59	0.93
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 294 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	285.46	305.44	+ 3.61	1.49
Best of British	61.30	65.05†	- 0.91	2.78
UK Smaller Cos	121.14	130.22	+ 0.21	1.21
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	268.93	286.29	- 0.57	3.19
(Accum Units)	713.19	759.72	- 0.57	3.19
High Income #	309.57	329.86†	- 0.12	4.07
Extra Income #	269.24	286.53	- 0.02	5.32
Pref & Gilt	43.45	46.70†	- 0.14	9.29
International				
International	202.55	205.65†	- 2.12	0.35
Global Bond	50.84	54.17	+ 0.07	6.30
Family of Funds	80.75	85.30	+ 0.07	0.11
Global Tech	150.12	161.19†	- 1.59	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	187.25	200.36	- 1.34	
European	457.64	485.79†	- 1.45	0.49
European Income	78.77	83.43		2.62
Euro Smll Cos	145.34	155.94†	+ 0.19	0.06
Eur Sp Sits	68.78	73.16†	+ 0.09	0.16
(Accum Units)	73.57	78.37	+ 0.19	0.16
Japan Trust	32.24	35.45	- 1.30	
Japan Special Sits	252.12	268.55	- 1.90	
Pacific Smlr Cos	279.61	297.45	- 0.50	
North American	227.51	241.75	- 0.15	0.36
American Smaller	99.29	106.14†	- 0.40	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.66	56.03	- 0.19	
Eur Sp Sits	59.41	62.97	- 0.07	
General Growth	41.62	44.11	- 0.01	
Global Tech	58.96	62.49	- 3.60	
Income Growth	40.83	43.27	- 0.05	
Japan Growth	27.30	28.93	- 0.17	
Smaller Cos	21.60	22.63		
Special Opps	28.71	30.45	+ 0.04	
Wrlde Sp Sits	45.90	51.69	- 0.15	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 081 686 4355				
British	94.97	101.40†	- 0.20	1.79
Capital	168.00	179.60	- 2.20	1.46
Dollar	329.00	351.80†	- 1.10	
Enterprise Gth	214.70	228.50		1.74
European	220.20	235.50	- 3.30	
Far East	329.20	352.00	- 1.90	0.14
Financial	789.50	844.30	- 2.20	1.51
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.70	25.52†	- 0.07	7.82
High Yield	101.90	109.99		4.17
Income & Growth	136.40	145.00†	- 0.10	3.52
International	250.10	267.30	- 0.70	
Japanese General	212.20	225.99	- 1.50	
Japan Tech	86.67	92.89	- 0.69	
Nat Resources	75.40	80.64	- 0.41	
Portfolio	70.26	75.14	- 0.05	1.47
Smaller Cos	121.40	139.50†		1.27
Special Sits	144.90	154.90	- 0.20	1.51
UK Emerging Cos	86.12	92.64	- 0.20	0.54
US Smaller Cos	77.90	83.31	- 0.90	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	94.30	100.70†	- 0.60	6.24
Capital	563.70	601.60†	- 2.50	2.11
Income #	544.00	580.60		4.70
Footsie Fund	51.97	54.95	- 0.03	2.63
Trkda Index	106.90	114.10	- 1.70	1.97
UK Index	135.20	144.30		3.81
International Funds				
American Growth	400.10	431.00	- 1.60	0.82
American Index	189.40	201.90	- 0.70	1.29
European Growth	109.50	116.50	+ 0.10	
Eurotrack 100	151.00	160.60	+ 0.30	0.87
Global Bond	20.34	21.48	+ 0.07	7.07
Japan Growth	289.40	308.70†	- 2.30	
Japan Index	81.50	86.99	- 0.27	0.39
Japan Smllr Cos	36.53	38.95	- 0.15	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	58.61	62.55	- 0.59	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	104.29	111.20	- 1.40	0.30
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.16	83.42	- 0.71	
Tiger Index	208.20	222.20	- 5.8	0.2
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.65	29.73	+ 0.06	1.09
General Funds				
Managed	70.54	73.22†	- 0.08	2.45
Expert Child Fnd	81.79	84.83	- 0.02	2.35
UK Growth	57.43	59.61†	- 0.03	2.35
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.47	50.47	- 0.02	4.38
Cashbox (Acc)	59.61	59.61	- 0.01	4.32
UK Extra Inc	82.84	85.98	- 0.05	5.35
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.66	26.45	- 0.09	7.80
UK Inc & Gwth	38.96	40.44†	- 0.08	3.95
UK Income	327.00	339.40	- 0.50	3.65
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.58	49.28	- 0.27	0.29
Amer Smlr Cos	106.80	110.60	- 0.29	
(Accum Units)	107.70	111.70	- 0.29	
Europe Gth	148.00	153.30	- 0.19	
(Accum Units)	153.00	158.50	- 0.10	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.57	28.61†	- 0.03	
French Growth	75.52	78.38	- 0.14	
Accum Units	80.90	83.97	- 0.15	
H Kong & China	65.01	68.26	- 1.79	1.66
Intl Growth	56.72	58.87†	- 0.16	0.63
(Accum Units)	57.19	59.36†	- 0.15	0.63
Japan Gth	35.81	37.17	- 0.30	
Accum Units	35.81	37.17	- 0.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	44.23	45.91	- 0.47	
Glob Emrg Mkts	112.70	116.90	- 0.70	
Accum Units	113.50	117.80	- 0.60	
SE Asia	338.40	351.20	- 2.60	0.23
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.89	52.43†	- 0.06	5.76
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 071 581 3020				
American Cap	129.30	137.40		
Income	144.81	153.20	- 0.14	3.91
UK Growth	52.70	56.06	- 0.01	0.96
International	81.05	86.21	- 1.60	0.36
Ecology	76.68	81.57†	- 0.03	1.32
European	116.03	122.92	- 0.22	
Far Eastern	333.60	354.91	+ 1.60	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.95	52.07		2.37
Gilt Yield	112.90	119.20		6.95
Global Income	210.00	223.40†		4.07
High Yield	135.10	143.70†		6.12
(Accum Units)	405.00	430.90†		6.12
Smlr Cos Div	50.49	53.71†		2.96
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smll Cos	87.36	92.94		
North American	71.36	75.91		0.29
European Special	93.64	99.62		0.15
European	147.30	156.70		0.38
(Accum Units)	193.40	205.70		0.38
General	264.90	281.90		3.19
Japan	428.50	455.90		
Japanese Special	251.60	267.00		
Mngr Accum	234.70	249.70		
Pacific	346.70	368.30		0.55
(Accum Units)	406.10	432.00†		
Smaller Cos	108.20	115.10†		0.69
UK Equity Growth	38.89	41.37		1.53
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 071 626 1669				
Global Inc & Gth	61.32	65.73	- 0.32	
Inv Trust	66.67	70.92	- 0.04	
Cautious Inc/Gth	57.18	60.82	- 0.04	0.80
High Inc Acc	53.85	57.32	- 0.09	3.60
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 588 2800				
Income	576.70	598.50	..	5.77
Intl & General	413.00	421.40		
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	253.43	269.61†	+ 0.27	5.56
Inc & Growth Inc	55.79	59.26	- 0.04	4.44
Smaller Cos	55.02	58.22†	- 0.01	1.41
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	238.39	253.50	- 1.20	2.15
High Income	106.40	113.20†	- 0.10	4.27
International	100.70	107.10	- 0.10	3.57
Recovery Trust	62.38	66.36†	- 0.53	1.52
European Trust	80.02	85.13	- 0.34	1.02
Japanese Trust	44.47	47.31	- 0.34	
American Trust	83.97	89.33	- 0.56	
Managed	66.44	70.68	- 0.14	0.54
Cash	50.37	50.37	- 0.02	3.99
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 374 0015				
UK Cap	353.50	359.30		2.53
UK Inc/Gth	379.20	384.80		3.20
UK Income	265.60	269.90†		3.25
UK Sm Cos	231.80	240.50		1.37
Euro Gwth	122.10	128.70		
N Amer Gwth	75.96	76.66†		0.12
Japan Gwth	69.59	70.25		
Money Mkt	121.24	121.24	...	2.20
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	459.60	486.90†	- 0.40	2.61
(Accum Units)	904.10	961.80†	- 0.70	2.61
Equity Income	96.54	102.70		3.88
UK Tactical Allocation	55.01	56.42	- 0.15	3.62
European	111.60	118.70	- 0.20	0.95
Far Eastern	242.60	258.10	- 2.50	...
[illegible – 12 fund lines]				
LINCOLN NATIONAL 081 930 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 421				
[illegible – 12 fund lines]				
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0534 524 213				
[illegible – fund lines]				
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 0392 282 675				
American	[illegible]			
General	[illegible]			
Income	[illegible]			
International	[illegible]			
Japan	[illegible]			
Tst of Inv Tsts	67.51	72.35†	- 0.52	1.50
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg 0245 390 390				
[illegible – fund lines]				
(Accum Units)	123.80	141.50	- 1.30	1.03
International Inc	96.03	101.50†	- 0.20	4.56
(Accum Units)	142.50	150.60	- 0.40	4.56
Japan & Gen	49.70	52.60†	- 0.60	
(Accum Units)	53.30	56.40	- 0.70	
Japan Smlr Cos	171.10	180.90†	- 2.50	
(Accum Units)	172.30	182.20	- 2.50	
Managed Income	27.00	28.30		3.59
Midland	61.10	64.60†	+ 0.10	3.09
(Accum Units)	204.10	215.80	+ 0.10	3.09
Pension Ex	906.70	929.40†	- 1.00	4.32
Recovery	40.90	43.20	- 0.10	2.62
(Accum Units)	66.40	70.30	- 0.20	2.62
Second General	70.20	74.20		3.45
(Accum Units)	179.10	189.30	- 0.20	3.45
Smaller Cos	66.30	70.10		3.14
(Accum Units)	129.20	137.70		3.14
Treasury	25.63	25.08†		5.20
Trustee	40.80	43.10†	- 0.20	4.48
(Accum Units)	164.40	174.00	- 0.50	4.48
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0800 204 831				
European Growth	76.56	82.57†	- 0.05	0.84
Intl Bond	59.71	62.79†	- 0.05	6.22
Intl Equity Growth	69.27	73.69†	- 0.26	0.57
N Amer Growth	90.47	96.74	- 0.60	0.27
Special Sits Growth	70.99	75.01	- 0.05	1.85
UK Growth	360.50	383.50†	- 1.10	2.80
(Accum Units)	470.50	500.50	- 1.40	2.80
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	512.67	512.91†		3.23
Income #	962.40	978.70		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.10	139.00		4.40
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Unit	192.00	205.30	- 0.60	2.49
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.20	174.00	- 0.70	6.85
Intl Growth	205.20	218.30	- 1.20	0.23
North American	175.30	187.00	- 1.00	0.45
Far East	280.70	300.20	- 1.40	0.94
UK Smaller Cos	168.40	180.10	+ 0.30	2.07
European	79.47	84.61	- 0.03	0.18
Japanese Growth	49.49	52.61	- 0.59	
High Income	180.00	195.70	- 0.50	4.55
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0244 680 066				
M & S Inc Ptflo	147.10	156.50	- 0.13	2.10
-do- Accum	167.50	178.20	- 0.17	2.10
UK Sel Ptflo	127.10	135.10	- 0.15	2.51
-do- Accum	146.10	155.40	- 0.15	2.31
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	61.91	65.86		4.15
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	70.50	74.84	- 0.52	4.54
European	77.90	82.70	- 0.40	0.33
Income #	71.87	76.30†	- 0.68	5.61
Nth American	58.96	62.59	- 0.49	0.67
Far East	173.09	182.70	- 1.40	
Japan	57.90	61.47	- 0.59	
Emrgng Mkts	114.40	122.30	- 1.70	
Intl Growth	108.40	115.10†	- 0.70	0.37
UK Growth	85.07	90.35†	- 0.24	3.62
UK Smlr Co	45.28	48.07†	- 0.05	0.64
Japan Opps Fd	40.83	43.67	- 0.36	0.12
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Income	400.56	426.13	- 0.60	4.19
Global Inc	64.22	68.43	0.09	3.01
Brit Leaders	329.05	350.05	- 0.20	2.55
Intl Leaders	190.14	202.47	- 0.38	0.80
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.12	65.68	- 0.09	0.82
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	194.60	206.80†	- 0.60	
(Accum Units)	203.60	221.00	- 0.60	
American Opps	86.62	92.61†	- 1.11	
(Accum Units)	87.50	93.76†	- 1.13	
British Blue Chip	77.29	82.15†	- 0.15	3.03
(Accum Units)	95.39	101.77†	- 0.20	3.03
Cash	100.40	100.40		5.05
(Accum Units)	135.60	136.00	- 0.10	5.05
Emerging Mkts	122.70	131.60	- 1.50	0.19
(Accum Units)	122.40	131.60	- 1.40	0.19
European Growth	241.60	265.80	- 0.20	0.29
(Accum Units)	260.50	275.80	0.30	0.29
European Income	80.34	84.91	- 0.17	3.38
(Accum Units)	107.20	113.00	- 0.20	3.38
General	488.80	518.40	- 0.80	2.39
(Accum Units)	948.30	1019	- 2.00	2.39
Global Bond	95.90	102.50		5.63
(Accum Units)	135.90	148.10		5.63
Gold & General	231.60	248.00	- 1.20	0.52
(Accum Units)	237.70	256.60	- 1.20	0.52
Govt Securities	86.21	91.98	- 0.28	6.15
(Accum Units)	163.50	174.70	+ 0.50	6.15
Income	148.10	157.50†	- 0.50	4.40
(Accum Units)	229.40	244.00	- 0.49	4.40
Inc Portfolio #	95.91	100.70	- 0.10	5.16
(Accum Units) #	95.01	100.70	- 0.10	5.16
Intl Opps	454.90	483.70	- 1.90	0.33
(Accum Units)	£05.50	£05.70	- 2.40	0.33
Japan	189.50	200.80	- 2.50	
(Accum Units)	194.50	206.30	- 3.50	
[illegible]	175.50	187.20	- 0.30	0.75
(Accum Units)	172.50	181.50	- 0.70	0.75
Pacific	129.10	137.70	- 1.00	0.84
(Accum Units)	139.30	147.50	- 0.90	0.84
[illegible]	240.10	257.70†	- 0.25	0.94
(Accum Units)	270.50	294.50†	- 0.29	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.41	59.40	- 2.95	0.91
(Accum Units)	62.55	66.75	- 3.07	0.51
Portfolio	79.21	[illegible]	- 0.75	2.27
(Accum Units)	97.95	[illegible]	0.27	2.17
[illegible]	95.65	102.61	- 0.50	1.75
Managed Inc	38.45	102.60		4.25
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 0707 662 233				
European Plus	112.54	119.72	0.16	0.90
Premier	65.57	70.12	0.24	0.07
UK Smaller Inc	72.25	78.99	- 0.14	4.74
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	59.17	62.21	- 0.04	2.91
(Accum Units)	64.21	65.46	- 0.03	2.91
[illegible]	97.25	97.11	- 0.67	1.22
(Accum Units)	90.64	100.10	- 0.80	1.92
Extra High Inc	65.71	70.28	- 0.02	6.63
(Accum Units)	125.30	134.00		6.63
FT-SE 100 Acc	52.22	55.51	- 0.04	2.48
FT-SE 100 Dist	52.32	55.51	- 0.04	2.46
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.18	55.34	- 0.12	7.06
(Accum Units)	151.70	157.90	- 0.40	7.06
High Yield	212.00	225.70†	- 0.50	5.80
(Accum Units)	527.10	568.00†	- 1.0	5.80
Income	279.14	296.50	- 3.40	3.67
(Accum Units)	607.20	649.40	- 7.40	3.61
[illegible] UT	45.56	42.56†	- 0.02	4.98
(Accum Units)	70.89	76.49†	- 0.02	4.63
Monthly Income	82.30	88.02†	- 0.03	6.20
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
Balanced	97.67	105.56	- 0.19	1.89
European Growth	104.80	111.00	- 0.90	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	62.29	[illegible]	- 0.20	6.32
Income	62.34	[illegible]	- 0.03	2.52
Japan Growth	55.25	58.71	- 0.24	
Managed	66.66	70.92	- 0.04	2.46
Money Market	65.64	[illegible]	+ 0.05	4.42
North American	85.01	[illegible]	- 0.14	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	88.05	94.22	- 0.09	1.87
European Growth	96.57	104.50	- 0.87	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.50	83.79	- 0.20	6.31
Income	53.69	[illegible]	0.02	2.98
Japan Growth	52.55	53.56	- 0.24	
Managed	67.77	67.94	- 0.04	2.45
Money Market	79.22	84.12	- 0.03	4.37
North American	77.51	82.17	- 0.11	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.57	94.37	- 0.09	1.86
European Growth	96.23	102.00	- 0.80	
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.03	76.49	+ 0.17	6.45
Income	80.03	85.11	- 0.04	3.00
Japan Growth	56.54	59.94	- 0.24	
Managed	66.65	70.90	- 0.05	2.45
Money Market	74.10	78.55	- 0.02	4.43
North American	85.75	90.33	- 0.13	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
International (UC)	12.46	13.35		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	227.70	242.60	- 2.00	
European Cpr Inc	439.00	464.70	- 4.70	0.29
(Accum Units)	439.70	469.70	- 4.80	0.29
Intl Gwth	130.50	136.40	- 1.00	
UK Equity Inc	175.97	186.83	- 0.30	3.11
UK Inc Trust Inc	154.50	163.80†	- 0.40	2.71
(Accum Units)	181.90	194.70†	- 0.40	2.71
US Eq Inc Tst Inc	187.20	199.60	- 0.90	1.56
Japan Tracker	77.19	82.07	- 0.65	
Asian Tiger	215.20	232.40	- 1.50	0.27
Managed Inc	152.10	162.50	- 0.40	1.45
Exempt Inc	99.85	99.89†	+ 0.02	4.92
Europe	175.50	188.50†	- 0.40	0.26
General	162.80	163.00		2.23
High Income	21.72	23.05†		
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
American	32.67	34.22†	- 0.32	2.30
American Inc	47.15	50.18†	- 0.30	2.30
Asian Reserve	81.00	81.61	+ 0.19	8.21
-do- Inc	70.68	71.39†	+ 0.17	8.21
Americas Growth #	159.20	163.00	- 1.20	0.95
Cash Income	49.59	49.59†	+ 0.02	4.69
Equity Income #	92.86	96.46	- 0.33	4.63
European	69.72	70.82	- 0.20	
Smaller Cos	76.14	79.73†	- 0.15	1.16
Olympiad	67.51	69.06	- 0.54	0.09
Global Bond	41.58	42.05†	- 0.06	6.80
UK Growth	29.52	31.93	- 0.17	1.76
Pacific Growth	112.80	116.70	- 2.20	
Japan Growth	97.72	99.27	- 1.03	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	118.67	126.24	- 0.06	2.85
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	72.42	77.06	- 0.04	3.07
UK Income	104.90	111.60†	+ 1.10	3.93
Gilt & Fixed Int	67.89	[illegible]		
Higher Income	212.00	226.60	- 0.20	4.88
Smaller Cos	79.58	84.67	+ 2.90	2.07
International	93.79	99.78†	- 0.04	1.71
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 071 623 4200				
America Dist	100.20	107.17	- 1.11	0.69
European Dist	106.00	113.40†	- 0.30	0.40
Far East Dist	187.50	200.50	- 2.10	
Global Cap Dist	66.60	71.23	- 0.03	1.25
Oseas Dist	110.07	[illegible]	- 0.06	0.12
(Accum Units)	513.07	513.98	- 10.50	0.12
UK Dist	330.00	356.20†	- 0.40	2.68
(Accum Units)	652.90	639.40	- 0.90	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	75.14	80.36	- 0.07	4.06
Wrlde Dist	104.20	111.50†	- 0.60	
Wrlde Inc Dist	68.53	73.29†	- 0.15	2.39
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 0277 690 380 Admin Enq: 0277 690 399				
Europe Inc	62.76	66.24	- 0.02	0.43
Fund of Funds Inc	57.57	60.76	- 0.13	0.85
North America Inc	47.73	50.37	- 0.16	0.52
UK Equity Gth Inc	57.06	60.21	- 0.04	2.08
(Accum Units)	59.23	62.51	- 0.04	2.09
UK General Inc	55.56	58.64†	- 0.02	2.56
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.57	47.98†	- 0.09	7.32
UK Income Inc	55.74	58.63†	- 0.01	3.06
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry: freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	223.25	237.48†		3.52
Global	337.52	359.07		0.15
General	183.46	195.18		1.90
Bond	113.15	119.99		6.32
Growth	120.92	127.69†		2.47
Interest	116.36	123.21		1.93
Bridge Fund	85.72	91.39		2.16
Dealfruit	88.78	94.45		3.29
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	119.72	127.35	- 0.14	1.79
UK Equity	134.45	143.03	- 0.03	2.03
UK Equity Income	127.01	135.12†	- 0.07	3.35
UK Smaller Cos	113.86	121.23	- 0.01	1.58
UK Equity Growth	125.35	133.35	- 0.08	2.19
UK Index Trckg	136.21	144.90	+ 0.10	3.46
Intl Index Trckg	140.37	149.33	- 0.61	1.11
International	229.69	244.35†	- 0.82	0.33
European	189.10	201.17	+ 0.24	0.27
Pan European	126.94	135.04†	- 0.34	1.24
Nth American	158.52	168.64†	- 0.28	0.43
N Amer Smlr Cos	176.36	187.62	- 0.51	
Japanese	97.49	103.71	- 0.94	
Pacific	243.20	258.72	- 1.98	
South East Asian	270.95	288.25†	- 2.27	0.21
Intl Bond	125.27	133.17	+ 0.14	4.41
Gilt & Convertible	101.79	108.19	+ 0.22	6.36
Property	84.64	90.04	- 0.08	4.68
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	236.20	251.20	- 0.50	2.51
(Accum Units)	492.10	523.50	- 0.90	2.51
Growth	151.30	159.20	- 0.30	2.60
Income	231.60	246.30†	- 0.50	3.71
Intl Equity	245.60	261.30	- 0.90	0.84
(Accum Units)	271.40	288.70	- 1.10	0.84
UK Income	64.75	66.87	- 0.12	3.12
UK Intl 25	77.41	82.35	- 0.21	1.95
New Europe	76.66	81.55	- 0.15	0.50
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	596.03	636.40†	- 4.16	0.20
(Accum Units)	595.72	636.40	- 4.16	0.20
Income	331.55	354.60†	- 1.09	3.36
Wrlde Recovery	372.10	397.97	- 4.57	0.07
Asian Growth Inc	208.61	223.12	- 0.33	0.01
(Accum Units)	208.61	223.12	- 0.33	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	245.45	262.52	- 0.23	0.16
Far East Gth Inc	288.61	309.75	- 2.27	0.08
(Accum Units)	288.61	309.75	- 2.27	0.08
Euro Gwth Inc	134.74	144.11	- 0.13	0.82
(Accum Units)	134.74	144.11	- 0.13	0.82
UK Growth Inc	85.35	91.31	- 0.27	2.68
(Accum Units)	87.45	92.53	- 0.28	2.68
High Income	91.83	98.28	- 0.41	4.04
Jap Gwth Inc	231.29	246.20	- 1.56	0.01
(Accum Units)	231.29	246.20	- 1.56	0.01
PEP Growth	116.41	124.51	- 0.46	0.91
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	135.56	144.99	- 0.60	0.01
(Accum Units)	135.56	144.99	- 0.60	0.01
Amer Smr Co Inc	124.66	133.32	- 0.30	0.01
(Accum Units)	124.66	133.32	- 0.30	0.01
Global Bond	52.59	55.38	- 0.10	6.18
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.65	84.12	+ 2.53	1.19
(Accum Units)	81.70	87.39	+ 2.64	1.19
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 091 201 3927				
American	99.33	105.67	- 0.51	
European	70.01	74.48	- 0.20	
Global	66.34	70.57	- 0.02	
Pacific	84.70	88.83	- 0.04	
UK Inc & Gth	63.12	67.15	- 0.05	1.89
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0533 550 540				
Gilt Director Dlgs	96.10	102.34	- 0.03	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	157.11	166.58	- 1.66	0.64
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.59	61.04	+ 0.09	2.44
Growth Income	61.02	64.58	+ 0.32	2.01
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	127.45	135.59	- 0.48	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	88.05	94.73	- 1.01	3.63
Conv & Gilt	110.90	117.90†	- 0.30	6.19
European Income	70.56	75.05†	- 0.06	2.91
Extra Income	147.30	156.70		5.83
(Accum Units)	177.40	188.70		5.83
Far East	419.20	446.00	- 2.70	0.23
(Accum Units)	427.10	454.40	- 2.80	0.23
Global Income	71.99	76.58	- 0.01	4.64
High Income	112.40	119.60†		3.59
(Accum Units)	134.40	141.90		3.59
International	204.80	217.30	- 0.60	0.50
(Accum Units)	211.00	224.50	- 0.70	0.50
Pref & Fxd Int	41.06	44.31†	+ 0.09	7.50
Recovery	70.68	75.19	- 0.06	3.46
Special Sits	102.40	108.90		1.27
(Accum Units)	119.00	127.00	- 0.10	1.27
Technology	262.40	279.00	- 4.70	
UK Blue Chip	67.45	71.76		2.69
(Accum Units)	74.23	78.62	+ 0.00	2.69
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0622 674 751				
General	52.24	55.57	0.10	2.14
International	88.53	94.12	- 0.42	0.39
Gilt	24.12	25.07†	+ 0.08	6.83
Income & Gwth	69.05	73.44†	- 0.03	4.77
European	50.79	54.03	- 0.21	0.43
American	51.50	54.79	- 0.18	
Emerging Mkts	36.09	41.35	- 1.26	0.04
UK Smaller Cos	29.62	31.56	+ 0.09	1.74
Gilt/Fixed Interest	71.57	76.14	- 0.09	7.14
Global PEP	38.77	41.24†	- 0.09	1.19
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 0256 786 688				
European Inc	258.80	275.30	+ 0.80	
(Accum Units)	273.90	294.40	+ 0.90	
Japan Inc	112.20	119.50†	- 0.60	
Nth American Inc	106.30	114.50	- 0.90	
Worldwide Inc	169.90	172.00	- 0.60	
Hong Kong Inc	143.60	154.30	- 1.60	0.96
Swiss Equities Inc	64.66	[illegible]	- 0.02	
Wrlde Bond Inc	59.00	67.45	+ 0.59	5.40
Emrgng Asia Inc	232.10	254.00	- 1.50	
(Accum Units)	234.00	254.90	- 1.60	
UK Gilt Ulfd Inc	50.17	50.17†	- 0.02	4.57
Thailand Inc	172.10	184.90†	- 1.80	0.20
Gold Trust Inc	80.14	86.60	- 1.25	0.22
New Zealand Inc	55.87	57.54†	- 0.34	1.52
Intl Smaller PEP Inc	63.09	67.95	- 0.06	0.65
Latin Am Emg Inc	85.32	94.25	- 1.95	0.01
UK All Sh Idx Inc	57.19	61.36	- 0.06	2.53
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Tracker	79.67	85.21	0.15	
Global Portfolio	72.55	77.58	- 0.02	
Global Opps	73.04	76.12	+ 0.20	
March Global Gth	66.53	70.55	- 0.25	
AAM Global Equity	53.69	56.61†	- 0.20	
CAM Brit Smth Inc	85.92	92.57	- 0.08	
CAM Intl Recvy Inc				
Turcan Equity Inc	43.90	47.98	0.12	3.00
Hartley Growth	72.29	76.02	- 0.04	0.26
Nth Growth Inc	85.58	91.53†	- 0.05	0.73
IFC Portfolio Inc	85.91	91.88	- 0.27	
St Jms Lin Inc Inc	45.22	47.65	- 0.02	
Premier Portfolio Inc	68.31	72.06	- 9.01	0.70
Rosborgh Caml Gth	77.19	78.29	- 0.13	
Tech Analysis	99.45	105.80	- 0.30	
Rosebery Growth	51.25	55.49	0.36	
International Strat	78.39	82.95	0.16	
IFC Ind-Act Gth	54.20	58.69	- 0.10	
Coverdale Tapool	51.71	55.90	- 0.17	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.09	46.29	- 9.40	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	164.70	175.20	- 0.10	1.79
European Gth	96.44	102.20	- 0.10	0.17
Income & Gth #	128.50	136.70	- 0.20	2.16
Japan Gth	124.40	131.60	- 1.40	
Nth Amer Gth	112.40	119.60	- 0.70	0.17
Overseas Gth	89.07	94.75	- 0.66	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490				
Managed Tst	35.83	38.22	- 0.10	1.49
Cash Haven Inc	100.92	101.42†	+ 0.02	4.43
Cash Haven Acc	110.49	111.02†	+ 0.02	4.43
Dist Trust Inc	93.60	100.10†		4.45
Dist Trust Acc	95.66	102.31†		4.43
Global Growth	86.62	92.64	- 0.25	1.25
Equity Inc	90.94	96.56†	- 0.14	3.60
Equity	107.57	156.75†	- 0.68	2.20
European	205.77	220.07	- 0.71	0.71
Fixed Income	86.53	92.54	- 0.14	4.92
Intl Grth	176.07	188.31	- 1.02	1.26
Intl Sm Co	75.22	81.51†	- 0.35	0.48
Japanese	223.06	238.56	- 2.26	
Nth Amer	152.91	163.54†	- 1.21	1.75
Pacific Mkts	106.31	113.76	- 0.73	0.22
Premier Inc	45.49	48.29†	- 0.19	5.66
Sm Cos	83.79	89.61†		1.72
Spec Sits	106.73	112.08	- 0.19	2.05
UK Growth	117.72	125.90	- 1.25	2.13
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 0892 510 033				
British Life	290.70	310.90	- 0.30	3.14
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 091 285 2565				
Managed	93.78	99.50		2.15
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	485.10	516.61	- 3.53	0.35
FA America (Acc)	567.13	602.97	- 4.60	0.35
FA UK Equity Inc	152.70	162.85†	- 0.44	3.56
FA Japan	258.05	265.52†	- 3.43	
FA Major UK Cos	92.94	99.27	- 0.06	2.31
FA Smlr UK Cos	283.82	308.42	- 0.06	1.33
FA European	310.94	329.75	- 0.07	0.52
FA Amer Smlr Cos	42.46	45.59	- 0.26	
FA Asia	51.80	55.58	- 0.39	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	52.59	56.24	- 0.67	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	93.20	98.10	- 0.06	
UK Smlr Cos	81.43	85.71	- 0.02	
UK Income	92.29	97.13	- 0.25	
America	97.42	102.54	- 0.78	
Japanese	58.96	62.06	- 0.73	
European	99.30	104.52	- 0.02	
Gilt	84.74	89.19	+ 0.34	
Deposit	82.45	86.79	+ 0.05	
Managed	96.56	101.63	- 0.12	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.80	95.57	- 0.05	
UK Smaller Cos	79.60	83.79	- 0.02	
UK Income	90.06	94.79	- 0.24	
America	94.87	99.86	- 0.75	
Japanese	57.43	60.45	- 0.72	
European	96.76	101.84	- 0.03	
Gilt	83.86	88.27	+ 0.34	
Deposit	78.50	82.63	+ 0.02	...
Managed	91.16	95.95	- 0.10	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	73.20	78.06	- 0.40	0.24
Pacific Basin	82.06	88.36†	- 0.73	
High Inc Dist	126.20	134.90	- 0.30	5.27
Ryl Life Inc Conv	56.99	60.62	- 0.08	4.33
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	66.12	70.63	- 0.45	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.61	67.66	- 0.44	..
UK Emerging Cos	125.20	135.30		1.14
UK Index Trckg	158.80	170.20	+ 2.40	3.25
European	124.90	134.40†	- 0.30	0.28
Managed	143.40	154.20	- 0.40	0.83
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0206 764 400				
American Growth	139.40	147.50		0.35
European Growth	108.10	114.30		0.81
Far East Growth	140.70	149.70		0.22
Japan Growth	139.10	147.90†		
Special Sits	188.20	200.20		1.39
UK Growth	75.14	79.93		2.34
Triton General	254.40	249.40†		0.58
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	176.40	186.70	- 2.40	0.10
Gilt Euro Prog Inc	348.00	368.30	+ 1.50	2.14
(Accum Units)	537.80	568.90	+ 2.10	0.14
Growth Inc	121.80	129.30	- 0.10	0.53
(Accum Units)	134.10	141.90	+ 0.10	0.53
International Inc	339.10	358.60	- 0.60	0.34
(Accum Units)	455.10	482.20	- 0.70	0.34
Nth Am & Intl Inc	312.10	330.30	- 1.40	0.80
UK Gen Prog Inc	220.90	233.80	- 0.50	1.37
UK High Inc Inc	131.60	139.30		3.85
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	61.01	64.90†	- 0.20	
Amer Smllr Cos	74.36	79.10†	- 0.42	
Asian Gwth	119.94	126.53	- 0.92	0.75
European Gwth	66.44	70.67		1.00
Global Bd	57.28	60.56	+ 0.05	5.00
Global Eq	63.77	67.83	- 0.12	0.50
Japanese Eq	57.05	60.68†	- 0.43	
Japan Sm Cos	67.26	71.65	- 0.32	
UK Gen	52.67	56.03	- 0.12	2.80
UK Gwth	57.56	61.23	- 0.07	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	85.34	89.51†	- 0.36	4.31
Amer Smllr Cos	106.90	113.70	- 0.40	
Asian Smaller Cos	48.90	52.02	- 0.62	
Capital Portfolio	126.70	134.80	- 0.50	2.14
Capital	160.80	171.10	- 0.80	0.63
Cash	125.00	125.00		4.97
China Dragon	63.71	67.78	- 0.85	0.57
Commodity	134.00	142.60	- 1.50	0.31
Eastern Discovery	106.10	112.90	- 0.60	
Energy Inds	120.80	128.50	- 1.20	0.43
European Gwth	184.80	196.60†	- 0.70	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.78	80.62	- 0.31	2.01
Euro Smllr Cos	51.31	54.58†	- 0.02	
Extra Income #	58.46	62.07	+ 0.02	6.29
Financial Secs	195.30	207.70†	- 1.40	1.04
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.55	50.13	+ 0.09	9.03
Gold & Exploration	85.93	91.41	- 1.18	0.24
High Return #	222.20	236.40	+ 0.10	4.31
High Yield #	219.80	233.80	- 1.10	4.01
Income #	116.80	124.30	+ 0.20	4.41
Intl Bond	156.50	165.40	- 0.20	5.91
Intl	206.70	219.90†	- 0.40	1.42
Japan Growth	180.80	192.30	- 1.60	
Japan Smaller	198.20	210.80	- 1.80	
Korea	81.70	86.91†	+ 1.31	
Masterfund	54.90	58.40	- 0.27	0.30
Scotbits	294.80	313.60	- 2.40	0.98
Scotshares #	280.30	298.70†	- 0.70	2.34
Scotyields #	236.60	251.70	- 0.10	3.75
Select Intl	140.20	149.10†	- 0.60	0.47
Smaller Cos Inc #	243.60	259.20	+ 0.30	3.71
SE Asia	60.48	64.34	- 0.38	
Special Situation	120.70	128.40	- 0.30	1.23
UK Equity #	229.70	256.00	- 0.50	2.94
UK Growth	62.22	66.19	- 0.15	1.40
UK Smlr Cos Exmt	46.11	49.05		0.79
US Growth	141.90	151.00	- 0.80	0.46
Univ Growth	138.80	147.70	- 0.80	0.77
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	236.65	252.64†	- 0.02	0.90
(Accum Units)	269.75	278.02	- 0.02	0.90
European Gwth	72.60	77.22†	+ 0.04	0.85
Euro Smllr Cos	74.85	79.83	- 0.20	0.13
Far Eastern Gth	101.54	108.30	- 1.13	
(Accum Units)	103.27	110.26	- 1.15	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	49.72	52.42	+ 0.13	7.25
Global Bond #	48.24	49.85	+ 0.09	6.32
(Accum Units) #	51.68	53.41	+ 0.09	6.32
Global Emer Mkts	58.35	62.24†	- 0.43	
(Accum Units)	58.35	62.34	- 0.43	
Income #	343.11	365.98	- 0.85	3.75
(Accum Units) #	510.69	511.40	- 1.70	3.75
Japan Smlr Cos	506.50	540.76	- 3.06	
(Accum Units)	507.51	541.34	- 5.07	
Japan Enterprise	71.26	76.01†	- 0.83	
Pacific Gwth	138.80	148.05	- 1.33	
(Accum Units)	143.28	152.83	- 1.37	
Seoul	57.95	62.51†	+ 0.06	
(Accum Units)	57.95	62.51	+ 0.06	
Smaller Cos	204.87	218.52	+ 0.32	0.95
Tokyo	127.60	136.31	- 0.91	
(Accum Units)	129.09	137.69	- 0.91	
UK Enterprise	243.34	259.56	- 0.51	1.92
(Accum Units)	289.56	308.85	- 0.62	1.92
UK Equity	233.08	248.61	- 0.31	2.02
(Accum Units)	448.08	477.96	- 0.60	2.02
US Smllr Cos	151.85	162.07	- 0.10	
(Accum Units)	43.89	45.71	- 0.13	0.47
World Fd	79.42	84.71	- 0.12	1.90
(Accum Units)	85.57	91.26	- 0.14	1.90
Institutional Funds				
European	229.73	239.30	- 0.02	1.31
(Accum Units)	254.76	265.26	+ 0.02	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	28.22	29.39†	- 0.19	1.65
(Accum Units)	29.94	31.18	- 0.21	1.65
Global Equity Inc	76.98	80.19†	- 0.50	0.82
Japan Smllr Cos	40.43	42.11	- 0.39	
(Accum Units)	40.74	42.44	- 0.39	
Mngd Balanced	182.39	189.98†	- 0.72	2.75
(Accum Units)	205.77	214.33	- 0.82	2.75
Overseas Equity	189.43	197.32	- 0.93	0.82
(Accum Units)	195.38	203.52	- 0.96	0.82
Oseas Smlr Cos	123.95	129.11	- 0.94	0.55
(Accum Units)	129.27	134.65	- 0.98	0.55
Pacific	262.79	273.72†	- 2.60	1.01
(Accum Units)	286.71	298.66	- 2.83	1.01
Recovery	£18.14	£18.90	- 4.40	2.85
(Accum Units)	£18.98	£19.77	- 4.60	2.85
UK Index	149.65	156.09†	- 0.29	3.38
(Accum Units)	182.86	190.48	- 0.34	3.38
UK Small Cos	110.56	115.14		2.56
(Accum Units)	117.15	122.03	+ 0.01	2.59
US Smllr Cos	43.12	44.91†	- 0.13	0.47
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.57	51.73	+ 0.12	2.85
Equity Trust	59.73	63.61	- 0.02	2.50
Equity Strategy	67.97	72.38	- 0.02	1.35
European Opps	84.70	90.21	- 0.02	0.77
UK Smaller Cos	61.39	65.38	+ 0.14	1.35
[illegible] Inc	96.94	101.51	- 0.05	6.11
Japanese	79.44	84.63	- 0.44	
Asia Pacific	131.06	139.60	- 1.59	0.78
American	96.26	102.52	- 0.54	0.66
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.65	30.65	+ 0.02	5.197
UK General Inc	50.18	53.53	- 0.09	2.84
(Accum Units)	64.44	68.74	- 0.12	2.84
Intl Income	277.10	294.80†	- 0.70	1.01
(Accum Units)	474.60	505.00†	- 1.20	1.01
European	78.61	83.26	- 0.17	1.47
Japan	70.12	74.30	- 0.76	0.06
American	63.73	67.50†	- 0.33	1.92
Far East	91.61	97.71	- 0.91	0.76
Ethical Inc	29.24	31.38		2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.37	34.62†	- 0.02	2.98
High Inc Inc	34.81	37.24	+ 0.06	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.33	43.01	- 0.14	1.57
Wrlde Tech	74.29	79.37†	- 0.15	1.25
Europe 2000 Tech	52.25	55.47	+ 0.07	1.51
Technology	106.26	113.29†	+ 0.59	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	373.30	398.80	- 0.30	2.29
American	251.80	267.30	- 1.70	0.46
Pacific	398.80	426.50	- 4.30	0.54
European	531.50	568.50	- 0.50	1.24
Worldwide	88.38	94.52	- 0.34	0.71
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	268.10	285.30	- 0.38	2.18
(Accum Units)	331.10	352.30	- 0.30	2.18
UK Str Co Eq Inc	191.30	203.60	+ 0.50	1.60
(Accum Units)	227.80	242.40	+ 0.50	1.60
Select Opportunity Inc	65.19	69.73		2.03
Income Plus Inc	69.81	74.27	- 0.02	4.02
European Inc	338.20	359.80†	- 0.70	1.12
(Accum Units)	382.00	406.40†	- 0.70	1.12
Far Eastern Inc	182.60	194.30†	- 1.26	0.74
(Accum Units)	207.90	221.20†	- 1.20	0.74
Japanese Inc	63.92	68.00†	- 0.58	
Nth American Inc	233.30	248.20†	- 1.10	0.62
(Accum Units)	256.90	273.30†	- 1.10	0.62
Intl Growth Inc	201.80	214.70	- 1.20	0.76
Wrlde Venture Inc	79.91	85.02	- 0.24	0.71
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	353.70	377.30	+ 0.20	2.73
(Accum Units)	518.70	553.20	+ 0.20	2.73
UK High Inc	179.40	191.39	- 1.99	3.68
(Accum Units)	259.00	276.20	- 2.70	3.68
Europe Inc	357.00	380.70	- 1.80	0.27
Nth Amer Inc	213.40	227.60	- 0.90	0.48
Global Inc	202.40	215.90	- 0.80	0.12
UK Spec Sits Inc	95.08	101.40		2.94
South East Asia	236.80	252.50	- 1.40	0.38
Cash Trust Inc	101.60	101.60		4.91
UK Smllr Cos Inc	100.10	106.70		2.02
(Accum Units)	101.60	108.40		2.02
Intl Bond Inc	87.14	92.51		6.49
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	143.90	150.20	- 0.40	4.44
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	121.30	127.70		0.98
Nth American	96.33	102.50	- 0.40	0.46
Intl Bond & Conv	120.70	127.09†	+ 0.10	5.11
Pooled Pension (E)	184.00	197.80†		2.21
Smaller Cos	70.21	73.91†	- 0.03	1.41
UK General	125.60	132.20†	- 0.20	2.11
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	96.41		- 0.06	0.0
Aspect	111.70		- 1.80	0.0
European‡	121.70			0.0
Global Bond‡	92.38		+ 0.37	7.75
Samurai	85.96		- 0.64	0.0
UK Growth‡	101.90		- 0.30	2.69
Tax Pass	105.90		- 0.50	0.0
UK Emrg Leaders‡	97.35		..	1.47
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 071 637 5377				
American	287.30	304.00	- 1.40	0.24
Canadian	69.86	73.91†	- 1.21	0.68
Capital	124.70	133.50	+ 1.40	1.23
Cash	100.63	100.63	+ 0.01	4.92
European	131.50	139.10	- 0.10	0.58
Far Eastern	170.10	180.00		
Growth	134.10	141.80	- 0.30	0.99
Income	128.20	135.70		5.64
Magnum	133.00	142.50	- 0.20	1.21
Small Secs	374.70	396.40†	+ 0.80	0.79
Thoroughbred	154.30	165.50†	- 0.70	1.08
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.66	50.16†	- 0.02	4.40
Crdfld Prfnce	53.77	58.43	+ 0.04	7.90
Ethical	53.77	57.20	+ 0.04	3.00
European Growth	71.54	76.30	+ 0.11	2.70
Income	53.55	57.12†	- 0.06	5.80
Intl Growth	96.38	102.60	- 0.20	2.80
Managed	80.38	85.73	- 0.10	3.70
UK Growth	60.12	64.12	- 0.07	3.40
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	38.36	40.67		1.80
Global Advtg Acc	40.90	43.36		1.80
Income Advtg Inc	31.03	32.90	+ 0.10	3.86
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UK Equity Gth Acc	64.81	68.70		1.15
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.92	53.04		1.48
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	36.13	38.39†	+ 0.10	3.75
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	44.76	47.56	+ 0.10	3.75
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.97	64.79		2.24
UK Equity Gen Inc	45.18	47.92		2.24
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.66	31.37†	+ 0.10	6.84
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	307.70	333.90	- 0.80	1.44
Nth American Acc	43.03	45.72	- 0.10	1.03
Far East Acc	70.98	75.42	- 0.30	.04
European Acc	51.41	54.63	- 0.18	0.75
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 071 344 7000				
Global A (RZS)	3.762	3.966		0.54
UC Eqs (US$)	2.381	2.529		0.69
Far East Eqts (yen)	238.10	252.90		
Japan Eqtys (yen)	256.40	272.40	..	
FT Europe	124.00	131.70†		1.51
FT N Amer (US$)	1.776	1.875		0.96
FT Japan (yen)	229.70	243.00		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.580	2.752†		0.89
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 226 3271				
American	349.60	372.70	- 2.40	
British #	479.50	510.38	- 2.10	4.19
Emrgng Mkts	150.50	160.50	- 0.60	
European	512.50	546.90	- 3.10	0.95
Japan	156.40	166.00	- 1.10	
New Pacific	410.20	437.50	- 0.60	0.70
(Accum Units)	432.40	461.40	- 0.30	0.70
Inv Trust Acc	258.10	273.50	- 0.60	1.31
Mngd Equity	169.90	179.80	- 0.20	1.40
Mngd Cash	96.01	96.01	+ 0.04	4.85
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 399				
Equity	799.90	855.50	- 1.40	3.20
North American	120.10	128.40	- 0.70	0.91
Far East	154.00	164.70	- 1.60	
Wrlde Bond	54.09	57.42†	- 0.05	5.44
European	100.30	107.30†	+ 0.20	0.19
Equity Income	89.47	95.69	+ 0.11	4.40
Portfolio	83.88	89.71	- 0.27	1.08
UK Leading Cos	58.90	62.66	- 0.07	3.42
Brokers Trusts				
Inter Equity	68.04	72.77	- 0.19	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	32.99	35.29	- 0.24	0.57
Managed Assets	125.96	134.72	- 0.12	2.65
UK Income	40.19	42.99	- 0.07	3.14
UK Growth	38.32	40.99	- 0.05	2.50
Worldwide Growth	35.04	37.48†	- 0.21	0.50
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	49.64	52.81	- 0.10	
Cap Protector Inc	40.98	43.83†	+ 0.01	2.58
UK Income Inc	50.57	54.09	- 0.11	3.25
Mngd Exmp Inc Inc	32.29	34.53†	- 0.10	3.73
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.84	83.75†	- 0.09	4.25
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	73.35	78.45†	- 0.13	3.17
UK Smaller Cos	33.85	36.20†	- 0.01	1.70
Pacific Grth Prtl	49.21	52.63	- 0.43	0.20
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 0264 346 794				
American	200.80	212.48	- 0.74	
(Accum Units)	221.17	234.04	- 0.81	
Bal Growth	94.50	100.00	- 0.04	2.03
(Accum Units)	113.71	120.33	- 0.05	2.05
European	106.50	112.70	+ 0.22	0.28
(Accum Units)	113.25	119.84	+ 0.23	0.28
Extra Income	189.45	200.48	- 0.08	4.21
(Accum Units)	321.47	340.18	- 0.15	4.21
Smaller Cos	69.07	73.09	- 0.02	1.46
(Accum Units)	77.47	81.98	- 0.03	1.46
General	275.85	291.90	- 0.43	2.34
(Accum Units)	563.19	595.96	- 0.87	2.34
Premier Income	48.31	50.32†	- 0.53	6.21
(Accum Units)	108.84	113.37†	- 1.20	6.21
Income	331.84	351.16	- 0.27	3.95
(Accum Units)	714.11	755.67	- 0.60	3.95
Pacific	446.06	472.02	- 3.51	
(Accum Units)	468.69	495.97	- 3.69	
International	539.67	571.08†	- 1.76	0.01
(Accum Units)	709.62	750.93†	- 2.32	0.01
Nat Resources	166.15	175.82†	- 1.54	
Stkmkt Opps	103.27	109.28	- 0.16	1.33
(Accum Units)	131.46	139.12	- 0.20	1.33
Environmental Inv	61.48	65.06	- 0.03	1.86
Selector	61.10	64.66†	- 0.08	2.19
(Accum Units)	68.91	72.92†	- 0.09	2.19
High Income	63.52	67.21	+ 0.01	4.58
(Accum Units)	79.03	83.63	- 0.02	4.58
Intl Income	56.05	59.31	+ 0.09	5.31
(Accum Units)	68.91	72.92	- 0.11	5.31
Selector Income	59.23	62.67†	+ 0.04	5.03
(Accum Units)	69.56	73.61†	- 0.08	5.03
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 081 667 1018				
British	320.60	337.40	+ 0.50	2.65
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	200.09	214.00	- 0.05	1.27
Glob Balncd Inc	169.38	181.16†	- 0.05	2.83
Value Tst Inc	118.79	127.05	- 0.37	1.48
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.24	41.21†	- 0.04	6.30
European Growth	267.66	283.86	- 0.76	0.90
Europe	518.23	542.07†	- 0.46	3.50
Global Em Mkts	103.95	110.88†	- 1.10	0.60
Japan Tst	82.14	87.37	- 0.83	
Little Dragons	94.51	100.59	- 0.97	
Nth Amer Gwth	219.10	233.26	- 0.95	0.70
Oriental Income	46.90	49.92†	- 0.56	1.40
Preference	112.74	119.93†	- 0.14	9.10
Tiger	294.74	314.38	- 3.60	
(Accum Units)	309.65	330.29	- 2.76	
UK Blue Chip	61.41	65.52	- 0.07	3.00
UK Growth	497.39	531.96†	- 0.05	2.20
UK High Yield	102.46	109.51†	+ 0.17	3.50
(Accum Units)	330.21	353.16†	- 0.56	3.50
UK Mid-Cap	251.73	269.22†	+ 0.11	2.00
UK Smlr Cos	97.89	104.69	- 0.03	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	92.70	99.14	- 0.04	4.90
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 0277 690 338				
UK Equity Income	95.39	101.48	- 0.10	2.99
UK Equity Growth	85.43	90.88	- 0.09	2.39
European	68.07	72.41†	+ 0.15	0.98
Nth American	65.91	70.12†	- 0.51	0.57
Far Eastern	72.03	76.63	- 0.63	0.56
Money	66.71	66.71	+ 0.01	3.97
Fixed Interest	70.10	74.57	- 0.20	6.45
Index Linked Gilt	64.24	68.34	+ 0.02	1.36
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	29.38	31.25	+ 0.16	
Pacific Basin	45.59	48.50	- 0.50	
Can Balncd Gwth	22.57	23.79	- 0.25	
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.89	+ 0.00	
Penny Share	32.59	34.67	- 0.22	0.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 600 0462				
Challenger	92.76	94.91†	+ 0.54	
Short Dtd Gilt	109.50	110.90	- 0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.72	0.73†	- 0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	49.29	51.29	+ 0.22	7.50
Gilt Growth	68.75	71.55	+ 0.46	
City Reserve	53.21	53.21		4.91
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	77.42	82.35	- 0.21	1.96

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Design charity bids to be the right measure

By Rodney Hobson

A REGISTERED charity to promote British design and craftmanship will be launched tomorrow. The Design Trust has been formed by Pem Levi and its first task will be to raise £1 million to fund a central London exhibition and resource centre.

The trust, and New Designers in Business, its trading subsidiary, will be launched at Drapers' Hall in the City of London, with the backing of the Worshipful Company of Drapers. Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will be the keynote speaker.

Other aims include bringing the potential of young designers to the attention of British manufacturers, fostering links with universities, encouraging the use of new materials and techniques and attracting the attention of the media to design and crafts.

Miss Levi, a journalist who contributes to *Your Own Business*, has spent ten years on a voluntary basis helping young British designers to flourish. She was design correspondent of *House and Garden* magazine when the publishers asked her to bridge the gap between designers and markets.

For eight years she pioneered, then developed, the new designers exhibition, now an annual event sponsored by the Business Design Centre at Islington, north London. More than 2,000 of the country's best graduates exhibit there every year. When John Major, opened the exhibition in 1991 it gave Miss Levi the impetus to launch New Designers in Business (NDB), which now consists of more than 100 independent design businesses.

This venture will be superseded by the new trust and its subsidiary.

Miss Levi says: "I was tired of seeing talented young designers coming out of college and failing because of the lack of help to get their designs successfully marketed."

NDB has organised group stands at 18 international trade fairs, assisted with marketing and promotion, and provided in-service business training. As a result, many fledgeling firms have gone on to create jobs in their local communities.



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Cold comfort charms

THE colder autumn days warm the heart of Charles Crichton. He knows that a bite in the air turns the thoughts of the skiing fraternity to snow-clad slopes.

Mr Crichton gave up a career in the City of London as a Lloyd's insurance broker in 1986 to launch Ski La Vie as an upmarket ski holiday company from a small office in Parsons Green, west London.

He says: "I just felt I was working in big City firms that were impersonal: somewhere rather soul-destroying. I wanted to create my own product and do my own thing. I liked skiing and I liked the idea of bringing the sport to other people."

Mr Crichton rates himself a reasonably good skier. He says: "Even before I set up my skiing holidays company, I went on a skiing holiday every year. It is a great sport, a difficult sport, but once you have cracked it, you have terrific fun. The more difficult a sport, the more satisfying it is when you can do it."

Ski La Vie concentrates on just two destinations: Meribel Les Allues, at the heart of the Trois Vallées area of France, and Champery, in Switzerland beneath the Dent du Midi mountains.

Meribel is particularly popular with the British and has benefited from the building of new facilities for the 1992 Olympics, including an ice rink and ski lifts.

Champery, with its narrow main street lined with old wooden chalets, is more off the beaten track, although it can be reached from Geneva in 1½ hours. Mr Crichton says: "It is an unspoilt, traditional Swiss village with a good atmosphere for the average skier. It has not been commercialised."

By its very nature, the European ski holiday business is seasonal. The busy period for bookings is October to December and the chalets are filled for only four months of the year. Prices, including flights and transfers, range from £328 to £668 per head. Ski La Vie provides a chalet girl who cooks breakfast and dinner and even serves a freshly baked cake for afternoon tea.

The City that Mr Crichton left behind has provided him with many clients. Some were personal contacts from his former occupation and others had heard of his enterprise by word of mouth. Although recession hit the financial services sector hard, and Lloyd's in particular has taken a well chronicled share of knocks since he left the insurance market behind, he has kept his chalets full.

Ski La Vie's full-time staff comprises Mr Crichton and one assistant but he takes on 12 extra employees in the busy months. He has filled the warmer months by offering summer holidays to Italy, France and Switzerland.

Rodney Hobson

ROBIN MAYES



Former broker Charles Crichton prefers the ups and downs of the ski holiday world to the City

BRIEFINGS

A series of subsidised workshops on devising and developing new products, business development, growth and diversification is being started by Business Link in Hertfordshire. It launches tomorrow with a free introductory programme to help owner-managers. The series will include company visits. Ian Hope, the Link's new technology business adviser, will counsel companies individually. Contact: Sue Farmer on 0707 647359.

☐ Dudley Training and Enterprise Council is sponsoring a £10,000 prize for the winner of its 1995 award to a small business that has made a special contribution to the local economy. Six other prizes of £1,000 each are for achievement in innovation and technology, sales and marketing, exports, customer service, quality and training. Eligible businesses are located in the Dudley Tec area, have fewer than 25 employees and have been trading for more than a year. Contact: Richard Alun Jones on 0384 485000.

☐ Surrey Training and Enterprise Council's annual public meeting, sponsored by Lombard, the finance house, will be held at 6.30pm tonight at Thorpe Park, Egham.

☐ Business grants have been reintroduced in mid-Wales. They will be administered by a panel drawn from local authorities, in conjunction with the Development Board for Rural Wales. Contact: Grenville Jackson on 0686 626965.

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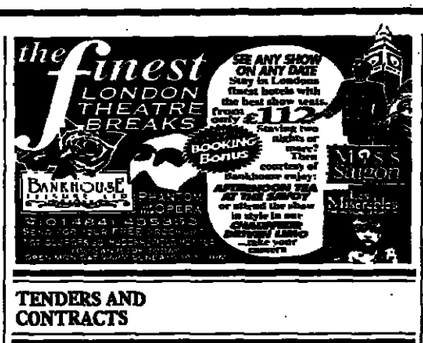
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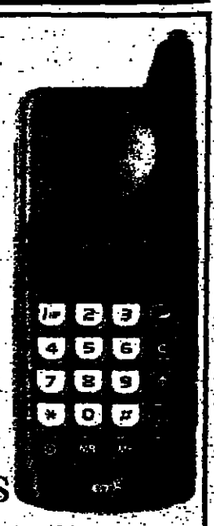
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VISUAL ART: Lives drawn at the Walker Gallery; reward for young talent; faces of modern Israel; plus new London shows

Portraits of the artist as young or dogged

Richard Cork admires a new exhibition of the bold, hopeful and often depressing ways in which painters have seen themselves through the, and their, ages

Shaded by a straw hat festooned with flowers and a curving plume, Elizabeth Vigée Le Brun's face stares out at us with brazen assurance. Her gaze is steady, and she parts her lips as if to speak. This is a young woman bent on celebrating her own beauty, in an image of the artist as unabashed stunner.

But Vigée Le Brun's self-portrait is far more than that of a flamboyant society belle. She openly based the painting on Rubens's great portrait of Suzanne Lunden, the so-called *Chapeau de Paille*, now in the National Gallery. So part of her purpose was to vie with a male master from the past, and prove that an 18th-century woman could emerge from the comparison with aplomb.

She also made sure that, unlike Suzanne's passively folded arms, her hands were active and purposeful. Her left thumb thrusts through the hole in her polished palette, neatly laden with lumps of colour matching those she used in the painting. Brushes explode from her fingers, brandished with pride by a woman determined to establish her status as a professional artist.

The self-portrait boosted her reputation more spectacularly than she could have dared to hope. When it was displayed in the 1783 Paris Salon, one commentator wrote that visitors emerged from the show excitedly asking each other "Mme Le Brun, is she not astonishing?" The painting's success enabled her, with Marie Antoinette's backing, to become a member of the prestigious Académie Royale.

It was a signal triumph, at a time when aspiring women artists had to teach themselves outside the academic and studio system enjoyed by men. All the same, Vigée Le Brun's *tour de force*, is one of the few female paintings in the Walker Art Gallery's absorbing survey of artists' self-portraits.

The organiser, Xanthe Brooke, starts her exhibition with a painting by Mary Beale, one of England's first substantial women artists. But compared with Vigée Le Brun's glamorous image, this is a tentative performance. Standing with her husband and young son, Beale points at herself with a clumsily defined finger. It seems a crude way of asserting her own authorship, and reveals the desperation felt by women excluded from formal artistic training.

Anxious and marginalised, Beale's self-portrait goes a long way towards explaining why the rest of the exhibition is dominated by confident images of men. Compare her insecure expression with the elegant complacency of Van Dyck, who painted himself at the outset of his period as Charles I's pet artist. With one hand, he plays nonchalantly with the gold chain presented to him by his royal patron. Basking in the approbation of the monarch, who had recently given him a knighthood as well, he gestures with his other hand at an outsized sunflower. Its petals glow as resplendently as the sumptuous fabric of Van Dyck's jacket. He seems to be suggesting that, just as the sunflower depends on the sun, so the courtly painter draws his sustenance from the king's enthusiasm.

> "A number of artists used their self-portraits to advance their standing"

Although few other artists in the show rejoiced in such lavish patronage, a number of them used their self-portraits to advance their own standing. Michael Dahl, Peter Lely, Jan Lievens and Richard Cosway all show themselves off in the most flattering guises, as sophisticated practitioners guaranteed to supply their clients with the peacock likenesses they required. If we can make ourselves look so magnificent, they seem to be saying, how can we fail to bestow an even greater splendour on our future sitters?

However skilful these promotional exercises may appear, they do not command attention for long. Francis Hayman's obsequious painting of himself in his studio, showing off a work-in-progress to his puffed-up patron Grosvenor Bedford, says nothing about the artist apart from his eagerness to please. Far more rewarding are the portraits where the painter dares to go beyond fawning and self-aggrandisement.

Even Reynolds, hardly an artist notable for his introspection, allows a wave of anxiety to invade his early self-portrait. Executed around 1747, when the 24-year-old painter was preparing for a momentous trip to Italy, it shows him shielding his eyes from the light. On one level, the dramatic raising of hand to forehead allows him to indulge in a virtuoso play of luminosity and shadow across his chubby features. But there is something defensive about the gesture, too, and the frown between his eyebrows conveys an awareness of the difficulties involved in measuring up to the giants of the Renaissance.

Still more confessional is a powerful self-exploration by the Florentine artist Carlo Dolci. Earlier in his career, he experienced considerable international acclaim as a portraitist. But by the time he painted this doleful canvas in 1674, Dolci had succumbed to depression. "Because of a pernicious melancholic humour", wrote his biographer, "it was not possible for him to utter a single word: but only sighs."

The hapless artist stares out at us, grim and half-obscured in funereal darkness. In his hand, he holds up a drawing of himself hard at work on a miniature. Whatever pride Dolci may take in this impressive specimen of his draughtsmanship is outweighed by the mood of desolation in the painting.

Ultimately, though, even Dolci's remarkable disclosure pales beside the youth-to-age revelations of Rembrandt. He is represented here by four paintings, and they chart the gradual deepening of his honesty and self-knowledge. The earliest, painted around 1630 in provincial Leiden, shows a young man with a wispy moustache and wild hair. He looks less certain of himself than in a more accomplished, glossy painting produced two years later. Arrayed now in a black felt hat and fashionable white collar, Rembrandt presents himself to the clientele of Amsterdam as the coming man. His expression is composed and utterly unrevealing, as he steels himself to conquer the metropolis.

By 1640, when he painted his consummate *Self-portrait at the age of 34*, professional triumph had been fully achieved. Borrowing a pose from a Titian painting, he places his right arm on a balustrade. It is a settled, gentlemanly stance, and Rembrandt takes the opportunity to show off the full richness of his fur-trimmed coat.

Even so, his innate frankness impels him to admit a sense of questioning and doubt to his otherwise confident features. And 25 years later, this hint of dissatisfaction develops into a deeply troubled interrogation of self. Here, in the superb Kenwood canvas, Rembrandt dissembles no more. White-haired and weary, he stands before us without any swagger. The reversals he has suffered, both professional and personal, have left him with a pummelled appearance. But his resilience is intact, and he grasps his painter's equipment with the dogged determination of an old man whose commitment to art is more profound and unshakeable than ever.

● Face to Face: Three Centuries of Artists' Self-portraiture *at the Walker Art Gallery (0151-207 0001) until Jan 8*



Elizabeth Vigée Le Brun: "A woman bent on celebrating her own beauty, in an image of the artist as unabashed stunner"

AROUND THE GALLERIES

IN HER latest works Paula Rego has abandoned the mysterious dramas of her recent paintings in favour of a more direct approach. This time she exhibits primarily studies of a single female figure, or occasionally of two women, caught at a moment of great physical tension. Often it is in the midst of some athletic exercise, but even when they are sitting on a chair or lying asleep they are instinct with coiled energy. Glancing at the catalogue, one would assume that these were oil paintings, but they prove to be large pastel drawings, going relentlessly against what is presumed to be the nature of the medium, normally prized for its delicacy. Along with the large new works, generally entitled *Dog Woman*, are exhibited two complete series of recent etchings, 30 *Nursery Rhymes* (1989) and 15 inspired by *Peter Pan* (1992), along with five new *Nursery Rhymes*.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, W1 (071-629 5161) Monday-Friday 10am-5.30pm, Saturday 10am-12.30pm, until December 30.

☐ THE dual background of Ricardo Cinalli, in Argentina and England (triple if you include his Italian ancestry), has produced many rich and complex results, mainly on a monumental scale. They have taken the form of large-scale murals and illusionistic installations, and even when they are drawings in his own invented form of pastel on many-layered tissue paper, the effects are deceptively grand. But more recently he has taken to making also small gouaches, presenting in box-like form representations of a box-like blue space where all sorts of curious dramas take place. What all the work has in common is a predominantly blueish tonality and the surrealistic undertones which mark Cinalli as a South American artist clearly touched by the riddling, mythologising tendencies, at once sinister and mischievous, of the local Magic Realism. Whatever connections may be discerned, he remains a true original.
Beaux Arts, 22 Cork Street, W1 (071-437 5799) Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, until February 11.

☐ *THOUGH a few veterans* of the Kitchen Sink school of painting remain active, this episode in British art of the Fifties is now ripe for historical reappraisal. The recent death of Helen Lessore, painter and principal promoter of Kitchen Sink artists, has helped to focus the process. Her memorial show at Theo Waddington is interesting if not very coherent: as well as her own work, which is a little wan and wispy, it takes in a wide range of work by artists in her various circles, from the Sickert group into which she was born to the artist friends of her later life, many of whom she showed at her gallery, even when they were as far from kitchen sinks as Craigie Aitchison and Francis Bacon. Actual Kitchen Sink painters, like Edward Middleditch and Sheila Fell, feature unobtrusively, but down the road they get a spectacular dusting-off at the Mayor Gallery, where Julian Hartnoll is showing Kitchen Sink drawings which remind us of the brilliant draughtsmanship virtually standard in what now seems the last gasp of the old Slade tradition in English painting.
Mayor Gallery, 22a Cork Street, W1 (071-734 3558) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Saturday 10am-12.30pm, until December 23. Theo Waddington, 5a Cork Street, W1 (071-494 1584) Monday-Friday 10am-5.30pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, until December 30.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

New talent show wins critics' prize

YESTERDAY at the National Theatre, as part of the ABSA/Arthur Andersen Awards for Business in the Arts, *The Times* Critics' Award was given to the BT New Contemporaries in recognition of the scheme's support for the work of young artists. *Richard Cork writes.* At a time when the market's uncertain state discourages dealers from taking risks, new and unknown artists suffer most. So it seemed to *The Times*'s critics that the work of New Contemporaries becomes even more important.

Every year, it mounts a nationwide tour of a large, mixed and immensely varied exhibition selected from more than 1,000 submissions by students and recent college graduates. BT New Contemporaries provides the exhibitors with a major platform, and six of them also receive a £1,000 prize.

The show has acted as a launching pad for many fledgeling talents, from David Hockney in the early 1960s to Damien Hirst three decades later. It is always well worth visiting as an annual showcase for the emergent generation, and BT's sponsorship over the past five years has been invaluable. We hope that an equally enlightened sponsor will continue to support it.

This year's show, containing work by 36 artists, is still touring the country. Its blend of painting, sculpture and a variety of alternative media is typical of the lively way in which New Contemporaries offers up-to-the-minute insights into the state of art today. The paintings range from Vangelis Pliarides's quirky figurative compositions, alive with erotic encounters under the sea, to Dez Lawrence's transcriptions of famous authors' signatures descending the canvas like rain. More disturbing are Kerry Stewart's sculptures. She confronts us with a plaster figure of a pregnant schoolgirl, painted to resemble an old-fashioned charity statue.

Prizewinner Frauke Eigen displays large black-and-white photographs of a scorched wall on a German housing estate. Burnt by neo-Nazis protesting against the Vietnamese immigrants who lived there, its scarred surface has an elegiac sadness. But Lucy Gunning's video introduces bizarre humour. A girl in a red dress crawls awkwardly from bookshelves to mantelpieces, as if determined to hide away in the uppermost reaches of her own secret world. Indeed, everywhere in this exhibition there is stimulation for the eye and the mind: it is too important to be allowed to lapse.

● BT New Contemporaries 1994-95 *is next at Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth (Jan 29-March 12) and concludes its tour at the Cartwright Hall, Bradford (March 18-May 15)*

Israel's great and good have been captured on canvas, and **Tunku Varadarajan** met the artist

Blessed of the Knesset

Although you do not need a degree in Middle Eastern politics to marvel at Paul Benney's painting of the *Supreme Court, Jerusalem* at the National Portrait Gallery, it does help to know what Israel is, where it is, and why it is where it is. If you do have the degree, however, take a stool with you and park yourself in front of the portrait: there is a rich seam of detail for those who know how to mine it.

The painting took Benney nine months to complete, time he shared between a makeshift studio in the judges' club of the court and his own studio in London. It is not hard to see why he was so taxed: among the faces that stud the canvas one detects immediately Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister of Israel; Shimon Peres, the country's inventive Foreign Minister; Teddy Kollek, the former Mayor of Jerusalem; Chaim Herzog, President of Israel; Sir Isaiah Berlin and Lord Rothschild. The artist had to sketch them all separately and — in the case of Rabin and Peres — to compete for their attention with such people as Yassir Arafat, King Husain of Jordan and Bill Clinton.

In the darkness of its colours as well as in its composition, the painting was inspired by Rembrandt's *Anatomy Lesson*. The figures are ranged around a scale-model of the Supreme Court building ("the body politic", suggests the artist), rather as Rembrandt's anatomists pressed against their cadaver. Benney has deliberately inverted the obvious hierarchy: the powerful political figures (Peres, Rabin and Kollek) are on the edges. The architects, "who normally get pushed to the edges", are in the centre. They are the ones in shirt-sleeves and, by the firm extension of her left arm, the only woman in the group has captured the attention of the rest.

The artist chose to paint Rabin in profile, as a profile is sketched more quickly than a frontal pose: the Prime Minister had little time to spare. His body language is characteristically cramped, reminiscent of his awkward reaction to the Handshake from Hell he received from Arafat on the White House lawns last September. Peres, on the other hand, glows like a sage. He is detached and pensive, suggesting the loneliness of a long-distance visionary. In contrast to Rabin's taciturnity, the artist found Peres gracious and aphoristic. Those who have met the Foreign Minister will not find this surprising.

The sitter with whom the artist had most difficulty, however, was Berlin. He had to be drawn in London, and Benney "had to recreate Israeli light in Kensal Road". He tried employing strong light sources, but in the end had to rely on his own imagination. But the real problem was not so much the light as "the distraction of Isaiah's wisdom". The artist had as strong an urge to learn from his sitter as to draw him.

Visitors to the gallery might like to compare the artist's depiction of Berlin with Lawrence Gowring's portrait a few yards away (equally, Benney's Rothschild should be compared with the Lucian Freud version near by).

The painting holds great technical interest, also, as an example of that species in danger of extinction, the group portrait. Regrettably, these are hardly ever commissioned today, denying the modern artist the challenges of composition, judgment and subtext posed by this form of art. Cannot more British institutions invest in them? I can picture, for example, *The Balliol Fellowship, Old and New*, featuring Messrs Gombrich, Raz, Montefiore, Griffin, Hazareesingh and Swift. On the strength of his *Supreme Court, Jerusalem*, Benney has now earned the right to paint them all.

● *Paul Benney's* Supreme Court, Jerusalem *is at the National Portrait Gallery until March 1995*



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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

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LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **ON APPROVAL:** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is, a *sophisticated, diverting but relatively* sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 *(071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats* Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm 🅂

☐ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN** Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding. *With Neil Morrissey,* James Gaddas and Alfred Lynch.
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◪ ***THREE TALL WOMEN*** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille are a cast fit for the gods as the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. Anthony Page directs
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **AIRHEADS** (15). Anarchic, good-natured rock'n'roll comedy, with Steve Buscemi, Adam Sandler, Brendan Fraser and Joe Mantegna.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

CLEAN, SHAVEN: *Clever but gruelling* exploration of schizophrenia from first-time director Lodge Kerrigan.
ICA 🅂 (071-930 3647)

FINAL COMBINATION (18) Inept thriller about an LA psychopath, with Michael Madsen, Lisa Bonet and Gary Stretch. Director, Nigel Dick.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ ***I LOVE TROUBLE*** (PG). Romantic comedy thriller that fails to match its *vintage Hollywood models.* With Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte, director, Charles Shyer
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** *(0426 914098)* **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

MY FAIR LADY (U): Resplendent restored print of the 1964 musical, with Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, very familiar tunes and Edwardian finery galore. Directed by George Cukor
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

SECOND BEST (12) Absorbing, low-*key tale of two damaged lives healing,* with William Hurt as the Welsh postmaster eager to adopt a difficult boy. Director, Chris Menges.
MGM Fulham Road 🅂 (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 *(071-434 0031)* **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ ***THE SHADOW*** *(12) Laboured* adventures of the 1930s crimefighter, with Alec Baldwin, John Lone and Penelope Ann Miller. Director, Russell Mulcahy
MGM Fulham Road 🅂 (071-370 2636) ***Plaza*** *(0800 888997)* ***UCI Whiteleys*** 🅂 (792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15). *Mediocre version* of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro. Director, Joel Schumacher.
MGMs: Fulham Road *(071-370 2636)* **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

FLESH AND BONE (15): Lugubrious tale of blighted Texan lives from *Fabulous Baker Boys* director Steve Kloves. With Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and James Caan.
MGM Trocadero 🅂 (071-434 0031)

◆ ***IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU*** *(PG):* Bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** *(0426 914098)* **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U) African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
MGM Trocadero 🅂 *(071-434 0031)* **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (437 4343)

◆ ***MARY SHELLEY'S*** **FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** *(0426 914501)* ***Swiss Cottage*** *(0426* 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG). Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle *for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with* the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons.
Warner 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18) Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic *weaves together three tales from the LA* underworld. With John Travolta.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** *(071-836 6279)* **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 *(071-792 3332)*

SLEEP WITH ME (18): LA friends party, play poker and suffer in love. Uneven first feature by Rory Kelly.
MGMs: Haymarket *(071-839 1527)* **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **SPEED** (15) Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on *an LA bus. With Dennis Hopper*
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** 🅂 (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

THEATRE: Poor tribute to a grand dame; Theroux's vivid travails; fire and fun on the fringe

MARILYN KINGWILL



After a mere 73 years in the mumming business, Patricia Hayes deserves better treatment than John Antrobus provides for her in *That Woman*

A Hayes act fit for censorship

That Woman
Riverside Studios

Every few years a curious theatrical event occurs, and it draws to the opening night a cluster of stars from stage and screen who crease themselves laughing at lines that would normally raise no more than a sigh and an eyebrow. The event is called Celebrating A Veteran, and the chosen script is designed to show why it is that Sarah Siddons or Sarah Bernhardt or, in this case, Patricia Hayes, has been loved and admired since the year dot. In the present instance, since 1921.

A working life of 73 years, beginning at the age of 12, is such an extraordinary achievement that it certainly deserves every sort of plaudit the stage can offer. What it does not deserve is this poorly written pair of plays by John Antrobus, in which Hayes plays a batty old thing buttonholing anyone on her council estate who hasn't the nerve to barricade the front door the moment her silhouette is seen through the frosted glass.

The scripts on these occasions are held to be critic-proof, on the ground that no sour remarks should be allowed to mar the joy of the occasion. What fun it is, to be sure, watching Hayes gamely tottering about, one hand on her script, the other tucking into a box of digestive biscuits, cheeks wrinkled like a merry apple, mischievously grinning at the other actors (Brian Murphy, Peter Woodward, Anita Graham), all of whom tower above her. And if your idea of seventh heaven, or even first or second heaven, is to hear her coo "Ooh, yes," in a sort of reassuring whinny, then Antrobus gives her the opportunity to do so a score of times.

The plays were originally written for radio, and won Hayes the Best Actress Award at this year's Ostankino Radio Festival in Moscow. Good for her. Awards are nice to have. But this information does not make the plays one scrap better. The adaptation, such as it is, keeps them in the form of radio plays and sets them in the studio where they are being recorded — hence the scripts in the hand. I appreciate the advantage of this contrivance.

The costumes are explained as the producer's device for increasing role-identification, so Murphy must put on a police sergeant's uniform to listen to Hayes's weird explanation for the death of a neighbour. A magic spell turned him into a rat. A similar transformation is the pay-off in the other play.

Conversations maunder on. The conventions of radio are acknowledged or ignored. Sometimes Philip Grout's direction places Hayes to the left of the table so that she faces right; after her next entrance she is placed to the right so as to face left. Her voice lingers amusingly over some of the stranger phrases, and it's what an actress does with her lines that counts, isn't it, darlings? I suppose. She certainly gets little help from her author.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Fevered imagination

The Mosquito Coast
Nuffield,
Southampton

ALLIE Fox sells all that he *hath in Massachusetts and* takes a band of disciples — his wife and two young sons — into the Honduran jungle, where his self-deception and wide-ranging gullibility lay the environment and his family to waste, *writes Jeremy Kingston*. The younger boy swiftly susses the situation — "Dad's screwed up," — but the older one's suspicions have to fight longer against filial adoration. The wife never *forsakes wifely loyalty, and* since she knows he teeters on the brink of madness you could argue that her responsibility for the catastrophe is the greater. Put not your faith in enthusiasts.

John Constable has drawn significant incidents from Paul Theroux's celebrated novel for this new touring production for the David Glass Ensemble (co-producing with the Nuffield), and at *the start of the play Allie (Tom* Hodgkins) looks and sounds like any other American, brimful of self-confidence and bright ideas, even if calling his wife Mother the whole time is ominously childish.

After this opening scene on an American farm, the action moves to a banana boat rocking across the Caribbean and then into the jungle, where the strip of water on Rae Smith's mud-black stage is stumbled *into, splashed through and* crisscrossed in the nightmare scenes that follow.

Acting, music, movement and lighting combine to give us the emotional experience of Allie's descent into madness, *striking terror into his sons* with his murderous demands. Allie's implacable enthusiasm at first seems a case of swallowing too much frontier spirit, but we soon understand him to be mad, bad and dangerous.

Although the production is a striking achievement it suffers from the absence of a vigorous opponent to Allie, the closest being the Evangelical missionary, one of several roles played by the excellent Michael Vaughan. If, as I take it, these two men represent forces separately putting paid to the natural world, the excitements of their final encounter — missionary with gun, maniac with petrol — could do with more verbal underpinning.

Hot tip from an icy zone

ANOTHER cracker from Canada. Toronto-based Glen Cairns should be added to the list of hot writers emerging from the icy zones north of the United States. Cairns's poetic, fiercely sexual play **Danceland**, set in smalltown Saskatchewan in the 1930s, in Little Manitou where the healing powers of the lake cannot quench lust and jealousy, is the best work I have seen at the Old Red Lion (EC1). It is an exceptional fringe production.

Arrestingly directed by Tom Kerr, *Danceland* is an allegory of angels and sinners. It is also the story of shattered marriage, frustrated and fetishistic eroticism, and of an *intensely disturbed child.* DeNica Fairman is outstanding as Lily, the torch singer who has fled Chicago's underworld. Lily, highly sexed but far from a clichéd scarlet woman, has returned home in the hope of curing Lloyd, her saxophonist husband, cripplingly wounded in the thigh by one of her gangland intimates.

Fairman performs with acuteness and ease and has a sultry bloom on her singing voice. She is strongly supported by Kevin Howarth's intense Murray, the dangerous local man she becomes involved with, and Peter Marinker's possessive Lloyd, a goat-eyed Clint Eastwood.

Catherine Holman, barelegged in her flowery frock, looks unsettlingly like a nine-year-old as Rose who, after the drowning of her Native American mother, is in the sporadically threatening care of Murray, her father. Holman is profoundly disturbing, screaming with the grief of an inarticulate animal, or powdering her face a ghostly white as she repeats Psalm 23 like an incantation and lays herself down, like a frozen corpse.

THEATRE Royal, Stratford East (E15) is a theatre winningly in tune with what its audience enjoys. It serves it up with entertaining enthusiasm and a side order of politically correct didacticism. The punters in the case of **You Know Dem Way Deh?**, an evening of comic sketches and songs by Llewella Gideon (of television's *The Real McCoy*), are hip black fans with hairdos to die for.

They show their appreciation of Gideon and her two female sidekicks with bursts of laughter at patois patter and *en-masse "Mmms"* of recognition as Gideon's string of caricatures, from clubland bimbos to ethnically dressed oldsters, throw up instances of racial and sexual prejudice. The sounds of funk and reggae blasting round the *quaint* theatre are cause for celebration, although I have to say I was scrabbling to keep up with the lingo.

The production could be more polished. Marie Cameron and Jennifer "J.R." Small lack the stage assurance Gideon has in abundance, although they sing an a cappella duet about unfaithful men and lost and lonely wives with touching, plaintive strength.

MARILYN KINGWILL



The totally topical trio of *You Know Dem Way Deh?*

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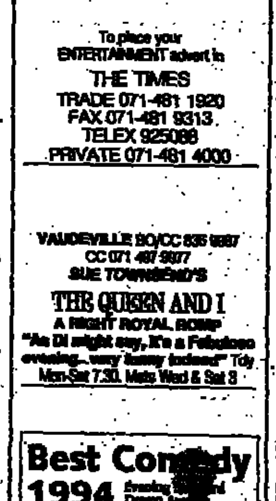
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BRIAN RITCHIE

Wrecked on a desert island with naught but an SAS survival kit and a television crew for company, the intrepid Joanna Lumley makes the best of a bad job for the BBC

Absolutely ghastly, sweetie

Ros Drinkwater on the TV project that took Joanna Lumley from European comforts and made her a moveable feast for mosquitoes

Alexander Selkirk had no idea what he was starting when, in 1704, he picked a fight with the captain of the ship on which he was sailing, and was dumped on a tropical island. Daniel Defoe turned his story into a classic bestseller. As devised by Roy Plomley, the radio version has run for 52 years. Now BBC TV has taken the "castaway" idea a stage further: it is being done for real.

It is 12 months since the freelance producer Clive Tulloh was given the job of making *Girl Friday*, a 60-minute special, optimistically subtitled "Joanna Lumley survives on a desert island". For a film-maker who cut his teeth covering the Mujahidin's pre-battle ritual game of polo played with the severed head of a calf, it seemed like a doddle; a simple matter of finding an island, sailing into the blue and bringing back footage to die for.

"A touch of pre-Christmas escapism was the general idea," Tulloh says. "The plan was to make an entertaining film in the sense that it would look fantastic, with beautiful photography, something to cheer people up on a dark winter's night." With the added dimension, of course, of watching how Lumley, that most urbane of urban women, would cope with being left alone on the island each night, equipped with no more than an SAS survival kit: a knife as big as her arm, a grinder, four matches, a tin can for cooking, but no toothbrush or bedding.

It took Tulloh three months on the phone to track down his island. "It had to conform to the *Robinson Crusoe* blueprint: beautiful beaches, palm trees, a hill, water and food to eat." As Lumley lives by the motto "Never eat anything with a face", islands where fish was the main source of food were ruled out.

"The Caribbean was hopeless," Tulloh says. "Every suitable island had a resident millionaire; ditto the Seychelles. The South Pacific takes too long to get to but Madagascar appealed because of its mystery. We thought we'd found the perfect spot, until we discovered it was a quick hop and swim to an open prison, Madagascar's own Devil's Island."

Finally, Tsarabajina, 30 miles off the northwest coast of Madagascar, seemed to fit the bill. There were two hitches: fishermen from a nearby island were in the habit of camping there for weeks at a time; and the island was the site of a sacred burial ground. Tulloh persuaded the fishermen to take a paid holiday. So far, so good.

Not wanting to be known as the man who killed off Britain's favourite comedienne, he then called in a survival expert who, having camped on Tsarabajina, pronounced it free of mosquitoes, poisonous snakes and other life-threatening species, give or take the odd boa constrictor. Negotiations completed with the local chief, local king and nine Madagascan government ministries, Tulloh was ready to roll.

> "It was worse than being trapped in Worthing in winter"

Lumley, having done a two-day survival crash-course with the Irish Guards, was helicoptered on to the island. The film unit arrived on board what would be its home for the shoot, the SS *Fantasy*, a luxury ship complete with Swiss chef and radar, manned 24 hours a day against a threatened invasion: days before their departure, news of their intended location had leaked in the British press, prompting a tabloid stampede towards the Indian Ocean.

"The first shock came as we landed." Tulloh says. "At the time of the recce the insects must have been in the larvae stage. By the time we arrived sandflies and mosquitoes had hatched out in their thousands and within minutes we were all bitten to bits. That night a cyclone struck and we woke to grey skies, a downpour and a landscape that looked more Isle of Wight than tropical paradise."

Tulloh's shooting schedule was tight — a mere ten days. "The idea was to film Joanna for five days and then leave her in peace to write and sketch the book of the film. On the second day I took one look at the sky and threw my carefully prepared schedule — Joanna climbs a coconut tree, Joanna plays with the dolphins, Joanna swims with the fishes — overboard."

Lumley had sweated for five hours on the first day building her beach base-camp. Now the rain and sandflies drove her into a cave where the crew huddled all day hoping the weather might clear up. It got worse. Day three dawned to such mountainous seas the crew could not land. Lumley recorded in her diary that it was worse than being trapped in Worthing in winter. On Day Four it was still raining and the entire unit (including Lumley) was infected with trenchfoot. By Day Five, Tulloh, halfway through his schedule, had only ten minutes of film in the can. By Day Six cabin fever had broken out among the confined-to-ship sailors, while Lumley was covered in blisters the size of ping-pong balls. By Day Seven the crew had begun to sneak Lumley the odd treat — a mango, or a cigarette.

On Day Eight the temperature soared to 110F and Lumley was so weak she keeled over.

It is good to report that, despite what Tulloh describes as a "mind-numbingly hard time" Lumley carried the day, showing not only a fine talent for survival, but a nice line in inventiveness. And, despite nine sleepless nights, deprived of make-up or mirror, she looks as stunning as ever in the programme. The most telling parts of the film are her own video clips, which give an interesting glimpse of the woman behind the glamorous image.

Would Tulloh do it again? Silly question. He is currently in negotiation for Celebrity Challenge Mark II: working title *Billy Connolly Survives in the Arctic*.

● Girl Friday *will be shown on BBC 1 this Saturday at 8.15pm. The book of the film,* Girl Friday *by Joanna Lumley, is published by BBC Books (£12.99)*

MUSIC: An operatic find; more Schnittke

Arthur returns to claim his crown

King Arthur
Queen Elizabeth Hall

NEXT year's Purcell tercentenary celebrations will doubtless include performances of many minor odes that will surprise us with their craft and tunefulness. But first, let's become accustomed to Purcell's masterpieces. The brilliant performances of *King Arthur* conducted by John Eliot Gardiner this weekend revealed stage music of the first order — revealed, in fact, a work which (as Curtis Price argued in his programme-note) should be in the repertoire of every opera house.

Yet how much of it is generally known? That noble minuet, "Fairest Isle", probably; and (to music students at least) the Act IV "Frost Scene" with its bizarre chromatic harmony and stuttering vocal line. Much else, however, is so unfamiliar that when it blazes out the listener is thunderstruck. Where has *King Arthur* been all our lives?

One reason for its neglect, as with all those hybrid English "semi-operas", is that it requires what are virtually parallel casts of singers and actors. In Gardiner's performances, however, Dryden's spoken dialogue — dealing mainly with Arthur's fight against the Saxon invaders, and his winning of the blind Emmeline's love — was ingeniously condensed by the scholar Roger Savage into a single narration, exuberantly declaimed (as if by the reminiscing Merlin) by the actor Edward Petherbridge.

That left the musical forces literally centre-stage; and a rich feast they provided. Gardiner struck the right balance between sharply-defined rhythms and a sensuous flexibility that allowed graceful melodies the space to beguile the ear. Similarly, the choral and orchestral textures (Monteverdi Choir, English Baroque Soloists) were sparkling but always firm enough to nourish Purcell's delicious, archaic discords.

But what lifted this performance several leagues above the dainty interpretations that pass for "good Baroque style" was its rampant sense of characterisation. From the chattering "Chorus of Cold People" and the ripe, Mummersetshire accents in the show-stopping "Your hay it is mow'd" to the mercurial scurry of the strings in "Ye blust'ring brethren of the skies" and the magnificently raw trumpets and drums in the big choruses, Gardiner seized on every mood in this masterfully varied score. He even made something interesting out of "For folded flocks and fruitful plains", an interminable trio in praise of British wool.

He was aided by some stylish singing, notably from Stephen Varcoe, shivering like a twig in a tempest as the Cold Genius; from the lightweight but vimful tenor Paul Agnew; and from Lynne Dawson, who sang "Fairest Isle" with exquisite poise. It was an evening that raised high expectations for the Purcell feast ahead.

RICHARD MORRISON

Sound of tolls

LSO/Rostropovich
Barbican

MSTISLAV Rostropovich, another loyal carrier-pigeon for Schnittke's music, delivered the world premiere of his Cello Sonata No 2 at the Barbican's Schnittke Sixtieth Birthday Series, in the company of the composer's pianist wife Irina.

This is definitely a cello sonata, not a sonata for cello and piano: the keyboard's contribution, until the finale, is minimal. It provides a single tolling C from the depths, out of which the cello climbs in halting harmonics until it finds enough voice for an impassioned recitative.

With the hand now at the opposite end of the keyboard, the second movement starts in jazzy, busking mode, the piano acting as a drumskin, brushed by flat-hand chord clusters against the cello's playful pizzicato. Then, typically of late Schnittke, the central, brooding movement is spare of discourse, the cello's increasingly heated, far-flung song touched by fleeting moments of pianistic sympathy.

After emerging as an equal partner in rapid semiquaver argument with the cello, the piano is suddenly numbed and, with characteristic abruptness, the rest is silence.

The Cello Sonata was preceded by a beautifully judged performance by Irina Schnittke of the Piano Sonata No 2 written for her birthday in 1990, and a microcosm of her husband's musical thinking. The sight of her pencil-slim figure hurling its weight behind the massive tocsin of bell-like chords which end the work, then sinking into its pianissimo epilogue, was memorable indeed.

For the Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano — now something of a Schnittke icon — Mark Lubotsky joined the duo and, with his sharp-eyed, intensely sympathetic playing, set the seal on a particularly satisfying evening.

HILARY FINCH

JAZZ: From soap actress to chanteuse — Andrea Marcovicci talks to **Christopher Hawtree**

Come to my cabaret

Andrea Marcovicci has arrived in London with the cabaret act that has been the talk of clubbers in New York and Los Angeles in the past few years. And in a sense her singing of classic songs has revitalised a career which, in the Seventies and early Eighties, was stuck in a rut, as she played a series of more or less identical roles in soaps and late-night serials. "Always the same part, time and again: the wounded bird, the girl always in peril, charred, hurt." Marcovicci recalls. "It felt like a real disease. I was not expressing myself; I was going bankrupt as an actress."

Scott Fitzgerald tells us, of course, that there are no second acts in American lives. But Marcovicci, in her forties, must be on her third at least. Daughter of a Forties torch-singer, she always "brooded as a child that I hadn't lived in the Thirties". Come the Sixties, however, she became a folk singer — heavily inspired by Joni Mitchell — after a year in college in New York. Then came diverse stage and movie appearances. These ranged from *The Canterville Ghost* with Gielgud to, well, *Nurse Will Make It Better* with Diana Dors. "Not the highlight of my career."

She has a fondness, however, for a 1980 horror movie, *The Hand*, with Michael Caine. "He never puts it in lists of his work, but it might yet haunt him as it's one of the first movies made by Oliver Stone."

Best known of her films, and the best, is Martin Ritt's 1976 account of the McCarthy era, *The Front*. This gave Woody Allen more passionate clinches than in any of his own movies. "I think there was a real kiss," says Marcovicci, "though he did tell me 'I'm only going to give you one lip because if I gave you two, you wouldn't be able to stand it.' It's a charming movie and I'm proud of it, but it flopped in America mainly because Allen was then known for the gags of *Sleeper* and *Bananas*. Getting an audience to switch gears, that's the hardest part of any act."

Especially so in cabaret, her latest field. "To succeed, it isn't just getting up and singing a bunch of songs," she says. She sets great store by the whole performance: the dialogue, putting songs in context, and subtly involving the audience in the story of the composers' lives. Organised spontaneity is the key to her act, and it has made the Algonquin as much hers as the Carlyle is Bobby Short's.



Marcovicci: cabaret is not just about singing

With twin sets of Jerome Kern and the love songs of the Second World War, she sold out a record-breaking season of 16 weeks. "I began in the full belief that I'd never finish it — just as I never realised that going back to singing all the songs with which I grew up would lead to all this."

Marcovicci has an extraordinary voice, soaring from recitative to the heights of an early enthusiasm, Joan Baez, and tinged with the wit of Mabel Mercer who "picked terrific songs and sang them correctly". For her London debut she concentrates on a set by Irving Berlin. A strange choice? "He's under-appreciated, much more subtle, sophisticated and intellectual than people give him credit for. They look at the surface and forget the depth of his writing.

"True, Berlin wrote those showbiz songs and the anthems, but there are also painful, complex songs about love. 'Say It Isn't So', for instance: most people don't think that's his, they think it's Porter, it's so acid-tinged. He was a difficult man, no question, who liked to think that he was one of the people. A genius from out of nowhere, he remained vulnerable."

Her shows include other pillars of American Angst, such as her recent rediscovery of the poet Edna St Vincent Millay. She also has a penchant for the great Oscar Levant ("He said, 'happiness isn't something you experience, it's something you remember'. Why don't the English read his books?").

Cabaret, that hybrid art form with European origins, is now more vibrant than ever in New York, where it attracts young performers. "All this has made me a shining beacon — and a curse! I must say that success in cabaret is partly a matter of being associated with one place, getting people in the habit." With her season at Pizza on the Park already extended to a month, she looks set to galvanise London, adding a little vocal tone to the city's nightlife.

● *Andrea Marcovicci is singing at the Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550) until Dec 17. "Always Irving Berlin" is at 9.15pm. Mon to Sat. "The Love Songs of World War II" are on Fri and Sat at 11.15pm*

RECITAL: A fine Beethoven cycle reaches the halfway point

Work of burnished solidity

Richard Goode
Queen Elizabeth Hall

IN A leisurely progress through the Beethoven Piano Sonatas, which will not see its completion until December of next year, the two programmes Richard Goode is presenting this month represent about the halfway point, and the first of them abounded in a quality of style to make an almost full audience sit up. The New York pianist is steadily building on a reputation in Beethoven first acquired in disc recording.

He once said that with Beethoven each work has to be taken as a whole, "as if it was hammered together at a very high temperature and can never come apart again". His playing certainly welds the music's disparate elements into a structure that is solid and burnished.

Whether in the expansive scope of Op 10 No 3 in D major, or the wit of Op 31 No 3 in E flat, with its finale risking a breakneck virtuosity, Goode's impressive artistry owes nothing (or very little) to the European tradition in Beethoven performance. He is concerned with a transatlantic breeziness, coursing through the harmonic undergrowth as well as across the melodic surface, and a soundscape depicted in bold colours. It generates an exhilarating sense of adventure, even in juvenile Beethoven like the G minor Sonata, Op 49, which began in exploratory mood and forthright expression, while the slight Op 79 in G major, which Beethoven asked should be called "Sonatina", benefited from a deft keyboard technique.

Now and again there seemed a touch of impatience in the attack Goode brought to some of the faster movements, but this was compensated by his insight into the balance of emotion and intellect that must be combined in the late E major sonata, Op 109. His second programme is on Sunday.

NOEL GOODWIN

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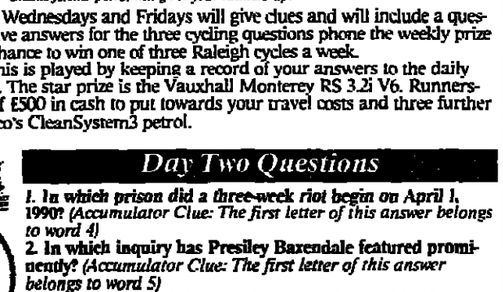
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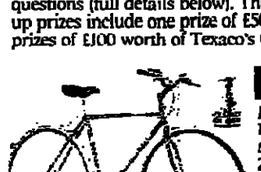
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WARREN HARRISON



These youngsters have had no need for actions under the Children Act 1989 — but many now involved in cases are meeting great delays

Suffering little children

Frances Gibb reports disquiet about civil-court delays that are causing problems for child victims of abuse

Children have become the latest victims of *crippling congestion* in the civil courts. Crucial decisions about their future — whether a child who is abused or neglected should stay at home or remain in care, whether he or she can see a parent — *are being held up* because of delays which a High Court judge recently called "utterly unacceptable".

Children's cases are supposed to be heard the most quickly of all: the Children Act *of 1989 set a target of 12 weeks.* But the unprecedented backlog in the civil courts and in the High Court especially has meant that *cases are being* held up for several months at a time. Lawyers dealing with children's cases have all experienced long waits.

Ian Robertson, chairman of the Association of Lawyers for Children, said delays had become a "major problem". One of his worst cases, he says, is that of a mother who applied for contact with her *child* who had been taken into care. The child was aged nine months when the care order was made. By the time her case was heard and contact agreed, it was September 1994 and the child was over two *years old.*

The acute problem, which has arisen with the build-up of work since the Children Act came in three years ago, was highlighted recently by Mr Justice Singer, a judge in the *High Court Family Division.* He told the association's conference in Leeds that although the 12 weeks' target might have been unrealistic, delays were now such that "something has gone very badly wrong". *Unless more* resources were provided, "we risk being over an abyss".

> 'The number of cases rose by 16 per cent'

Jeremy Barley, the association's *secretary, said a* local authority might say: "This is a case of an abusing parent. There'll be five months before a final hearing, and no evidence — and the child returns home."

Mr Justice Singer said there had been a 16 per cent increase in the number of cases listed at the Royal Courts of Justice in London in the 12 months to July, compared with the year before, and 9 per cent more cases were waiting to be heard. A case listed for three to five days at the High Court in London would now be given a date in February or March.

Such delays, sometimes caused by wrong estimates of the length of a case, were a disaster, he said. "When the child is in its teens, that is bad enough in terms of lengthened uncertainty and anxiety. But *contemplate what it may* mean for the future of the child and the child's family if the child is only nine or 12 months."

It should not happen, as it did in London at the end of *May, that there is a 33-week* wait for hearing a four or five-day case, he added.

Under the Act, the courts have experienced a *huge rise in* work. Applications, including care cases and "private" matrimonial cases, between October 1991 and June 1992 totalled 77,600. This rose to almost 124,000 between July 1992 and June 1993. One High Court judge commented: "There is not necessarily more child abuse in the community, but there is more of it coming through the legal system."

But delays are compounded by other factors: late service of evidence, lack of consultation between expert witnesses, underestimates of case lengths and shortage of resources to provide staff such as court welfare officers who make the reports on children.

The court listing system itself exacerbates delays. Nigel Shepherd, of Lace Mawer in Manchester and vice-chair*man of the Solicitors' Family* Law Association, says: "What happens is that cases are double or treble booked because a lot settle in the corridor and the courts do not want a judge left without a *case. So you might end up* trying to do a three-day case in one day, and either adjourn at great public expense, or end up *agreeing to* something with which you're not entirely happy. Pressure of time, not the substance of the case, is determining the outcome."

> 'We try to make the best use of the judges'

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division and the country's most senior family judge, has put the concerns to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who has responded by setting up an inquiry, under Dame Margaret Booth, the recently retired High Court judge, into the delays. She says: "The Lord Chancellor and president want this looked at... clearly, it is essential that there should not be any delay."

Meanwhile, judges are doing what they can to try to *tackle the workload more* expeditiously. One measure is to require expert witnesses from each side to meet in advance of trial and to sort out what evidence is agreed. One judge said that in a recent case *before him there were teams of* psychiatrists and barristers, which would have resulted in costs of £500,000. He said: "I ordered the psychiatrists to get together and have a meeting — and as a consequence the *evidence was agreed.*"

Sir Stephen added: "We are seeking ways to make the best use of the judges available but the question of resources is a continual matter and you can be sure that we are pressing *our case.*"

The crisis in children's cases is part of the much bigger problem of cost and delay now being tackled by Lord Woolf across all civil courts. In some ways, Sir Stephen says, the Children Act has become a "victim of its own success".

Do barristers talk too much and too long?

The Master of the Rolls's *Review of the Legal Year 1993-4* for the Court of Appeal identifies the way ahead for civil litigation. Sir Thomas Bingham explains the gravity of the problem. The number of cases waiting to be heard is substantially greater than ever before and, if the trend continues and no remedial steps are taken, delays will become "altogether unacceptable and may be seen as a denial of justice".

Sir Thomas considers possible solutions. He points out that the number of Court of Appeal judges has increased from 15 to 30 in the past 20 years, and that the "serious problem" of expanding judicial business cannot satisfactorily be resolved by continuing to appoint more judges. He concludes that "in this country, as in other common law jurisdictions, steps will have to be taken to curtail the time allowed for oral argument, with greater reliance on written submissions". He recognises that the judicial time saved will be reduced by the need for judges to spend more time preparing for the hearing, "but experience elsewhere indicates a saving of time and an increased rate of disposal of business overall".



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This diagnosis and prescription deserves close attention by Lord Woolf in his study for the Lord Chancellor of methods of improving civil procedure. The appointment of more judges is as unlikely to control legal business as the building of more motorways is to reduce traffic congestion. By contrast, restrictions on oral advocacy would undoubtedly shorten hearings, and so would reduce waiting periods for pending cases. Such a reform would cut the costs of litigation, and so would assist a finite legal aid budget to fund more cases than at present. The central question is whether limitations on oral advocacy would detract from a fair hearing.

There are few, if any, legal points which cannot be presented concisely, if the judge has been directed in advance of the hearing to the relevant documents and authorities. Indeed, limiting oral argument would help to improve the quality of advocacy: to argue a *case succinctly requires a far greater* command of the issues and of the material than making a lengthy submission by reading to the court extensive extracts from correspondence and previous judgments.

There are still some counsel who adopt the tactic described by John Mortimer in his *recent volume of autobiography, Murderers and Other Friends*: "Given sufficient endurance you can bore a judge into submission by going on until he's in real danger of missing his train to Hayward's Heath and is ready to submit." In fact, it is rare for lengthy advocacy to advance the interests of the client.

Lord Reid noted in 1967 that "most experienced counsel would agree that the golden rule is — when in doubt stop. Far more cases have been lost by going on too long than by stopping too soon." This elementary truth does not detract from the difficulty of explaining to some clients that they have had value for money even though the other side's barrister spoke for half a day while their own barrister's submissions occupied only half an hour of court time.

Foreign lawyers are rightly astonished at the willingness of the English judge to spend large parts of his or her professional life listening (or at least appearing to listen) to counsel reading out large numbers of documents and earlier decisions in a courtroom full of highly paid listeners. That there is no justification for the lengthy knock-up which English courts often tolerate before the advocates get to the point is plain from the experience of courts in other *jurisdictions, where brief hear*ings follow judicial consideration of detailed written submissions, even though the legal issues raised are of great importance and complexity.

In Strasbourg, counsel appearing at a hearing before the European Commission of Human Rights or the European Court of Human Rights has 30 minutes or 45 minutes to present oral submissions. In Luxembourg, the European Court of Justice allows 15 or 30 minutes for oral argument by each side. The United States Supreme Court is so strict in the allocation of time for oral argument that it is said that an eminent lawyer who was about to exceed his 30 minutes was interrupted by the Chief Justice in the middle of the word "if".

As Mr Justice Megarry observed in 1969, "argued *law is tough law*". The true nature of a point, good or bad, is often concealed by written pleadings but exposed in the harsh light of oral argument. So courtroom advocacy will remain an essential part of the litigation process, helping the judge to understand and apply the law.

But the strain on the limited resources of the legal system and the fact that extensive advocacy is no more effective than a focused presentation mean that though every litigant is entitled to his or her day in court, there is no right to a lengthier hearing. Other plaintiffs and defendants waiting for their case to *come on would echo Psalm 84*: "Better one day in thy courts than a thousand days at home."

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Where is New Man?

MEN working in the law were found to be the most old-fashioned of all professionals in the "Sex in the Professions" survey published last week. The survey, by Hays Personnel Services, found that 51 per cent of men working in law and insurance wanted young mothers to be consigned to the home, although most male bankers thought that wrong.

Women lawyers wanted to start their families latest of all the professions — showing perhaps how long it takes them to get established. Eighty-six per cent would not start a family until they were at least 26 and of those, almost half thought it best to wait until they were in their thirties. But 77 per cent of women construction professionals wanted their first baby by the age of 29.

Welcome move

THE *Government's* last-minute decision to set up a body to review miscarriages of justice has been welcomed by many, although some advise caution. Lord Runciman, chairman of the commission, says: "I am glad to hear this. I certainly welcome the proposals to the extent that they follow the recommendations of the Royal Commission, but I think it crucially important that it is adequately staffed and resourced."

Justice, the law reform group, is worried that the new body will not be independent enough; it is the police who will be carrying out investigations into alleged miscarriages of justice.

The new body, whose members would be appointed by the Queen on advice from the Prime Minister, would refer convictions and sentences to the courts without any recommendation, leaving the judges as final arbiters. The Bill will also widen the Court of Appeal's powers, clarifying the *grounds for an appeal being* allowed and enabling fresh evidence to be admitted.

Vale Sam

SAM Stamler, QC, one of the *Bar's great characters* and greatest talents, died after a short illness on November 12. Paul Shrubsall, senior clerk, says: "We are devastated. Chambers was his life. He co-founded One Essex Court in 1966, and has steered it to its present position as the largest commercial set in London.

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Edward Fennell on ideas you might want to discuss in your last-minute entry for the Times law awards



Students have just one week to submit entries for this year's Times law awards, sponsored by the Norton Rose M5 Group of law firms, on "How can the civil justice system satisfy its customers?" in not more than 1,000 words.

Demand for reform is widespread. Lawyers and the public are fed up with the cost and delays in civil actions. At the Government's request, Lord Woolf of Barnes, one of the judges of this year's awards (along with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Jonathan Barclay of The Norton Rose M5 Group and Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*) is preparing proposals for a radical overhaul.

"There are better ways, quicker ways and cheaper ways, and it is our duty to give effect to those different ways," he told an Association of Personal Injury Lawyers conference in London last week.

There is no shortage of possible solutions. Roger Ibbotson, a partner with Booth & Co of Leeds, suggests agreement should be reached on key issues at a much earlier stage.

He says: "Experience shows that applications for an injunction, an interim payment, or summary judgment have the effect of clarifying the real areas of dispute."

The debate continues over how far the present system should be abandoned. Andrew Manning-Cox of Birmingham's Wragge & Co argues that not all of the present system works badly. In particular, the Official Referees courts, which examine technical issues, notably in the construction and computing industries, have a strong record of early results. "One of the principal reasons for this," he says, "is that dates are set early on so people are working to a timetable. The more that people have deadlines to work towards, the quicker and cheaper the system will become."

Adrian Llewellyn-Evans, of Burges Salmon in Bristol, agrees but says this would require judges to be more interventionist. He adds: "English judges are committed to improving the system. I would like to see the judge set a date for the hearing right at the start and hold regular review meetings. This would give people a date to work towards."

Already in cases where expert witnesses are to be called, there is evidence that early meetings can help to crystallise areas of dispute. Mr Ibbotson says: "By bringing together experts much earlier, you would clarify the issues, speed any agreement and possibly save the costs of having the experts appear in court."

There are other possibilities. The recent setting up of regionally based mercantile courts has helped the business communities in those localities. Mr Llewellyn-Evans, for example, is very satisfied with the performance of his local court in Bristol and Mr Ibbotson is keen to see one set up for the North East.

The question is, can the many ideas for reform be put together in one strategy?

● *If you want to have your say on this topic, obtain an entry form from the Norton Rose M5 Group, 12 The Priory Queensway, Birmingham B4 6BS (021-233 4950). Entries must be received by next Tuesday.*

Four centuries after the Reformation, interest in canon law grows

Henry would have had a fit

Barristers and a handful of other lawyers and clerics are treading new ground with a course that would cause Henry VIII to turn in his grave. The High Court judge Sir John Owen, barristers, solicitors, a Scottish advocate, an archdeacon, a Roman Catholic priest and a deputy chancellor are among the first 14 post-Reformation students of canon law in Britain.

They are on what is described as the first degree course dedicated to canon law at a British university since its study was suppressed in 1535 during the Reformation.

More than four centuries do not seem to have dulled interest. "A measure of the popularity is that we are now booked up into 1996," says Dr Norman Doe, director of studies on the LL M course run by the University of Wales law school in Cardiff.

The two-year part-time masters course has been launched amid growing interest in canon law with the creation of the Ecclesiastical Law Society and the revision of Roman Catholic canon law in 1983.

Subjects range from heresy to church government. It also includes executive and judicial powers of churches; ecclesiastical courts; rights of women; law relating to blasphemy and the relationship between church law and secular law.

Dr Doe believes there is a need for such a course. "We have students enrolled from Edinburgh to London," he says. One is Tom Culver, a naturalised British lawyer who trained in California as a criminal barrister and sits as a recorder.

He says: "Many people on the course have a lot of experience of canon law but my only experience was reading the *Ecclesiastical Law Review*. I was secretary to my parish church council in south London and I joined the Ecclesiastical Law Society.

"The concepts of law are always tied to theological concepts so there is far more to it than just law and public policy. We have meetings of the Ecclesiastical Law Society and I find that people know the law better than I do but have not thought about the underlying principles."

ROGER DOBSON



Tom Culver: far more to canon law than law and public policy

Your own ad campaign

A NATIONAL advertising scheme for local solicitors which will provide weekly national press advertising at minimal cost for member firms is to be launched in the new year, *Frances Gibb writes*. Using the banner of The Solicitors Trust, the initiative aims to recruit a maximum of 200 solicitors, each operating in an exclusive geographical area defined by postcode.

For £70 a week, or £3,500 a year (plus VAT), the laywers will be promoted in the national quality press with a £10,000 weekly advertising budget.

Steve Royal, the trust's marketing director, claims the scheme gives local solicitors the chance to be part of the "largest ever national press advertising campaign on behalf of solicitors".

In particular, the scheme aims to promote solicitors as financial advisers. Only solicitors regulated in the conduct of investment business — by the Law Society or some other regulator — are eligible.

Mr Royal, who two years ago launched a similar scheme for independent financial advisers — Investor Intelligence — says there is a gap in the market, in the provision of independent, unbiased financial advice.

The trust has linked up with Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie, one of the leading firms of private client stockbrokers, which will provide an advice hotline for participating solicitors.

The Investor Intelligence marketing scheme, with a £500,000-a-year advertising budget, claims it now receives 3,000 inquiries a month.

Mr Royal was a marketing consultant for several years before he had the idea of corporate marketing by pooling the resources in a sector where there are "lots of fragmented players". He adds: "People say they have tried advertising and that it didn't work. They don't realise they should have that critical mass of advertising, the regular slots to raise awareness."

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Winning with words

LOVELL White Durrant has won the Lord Mayor of London's Dragon Awards for its adult literacy programme.

So far, £30,000 has been spent in training and 46 members of the firm — solicitors, trainees, secretaries and managerial staff — have volunteered to be trained in teaching literacy skills.

They were trained at the firm's offices by tutors at the Mary Ward Centre for adult education in Bloomsbury, central London, and have since been teaching skills on a one-to-one basis to adults at the centre.

The awards are given for best examples of initiatives by business within the City of London.

Files o' facts

ABOUT 38,000 client files belonging to the collapsed Liverpool law firm Deacon Goldrein Green have been dispersed among eight firms under a new arrangement approved by the High Court in Manchester. The arrangement avoided the need for a full intervention at the firm: the court appointed the receivers Pannell Kerr Forster, which disposed of blocks of files to firms approved by the Solicitors Complaints Bureau — at an estimated cost of £50,000. Full intervention might have cost between £350,000 and £1 million.

Craig Blakemore, of the Liverpool firm Mace & Jones, says: "The time and expense of full intervention could have been disastrous in terms of collecting the money due to the partnership."

Hot line

SINCE it was set up four months ago, the Law Society's freefone accident line has received almost 12,000 calls from people inquiring about suing over injuries. About three in four are likely to turn into actual cases.

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The 2-4 Year Gap

One constant feature of the recruitment scene is the chronic shortage of two-to-four-year qualified candidates. Newly qualified or one year qualified candidates abound, and there is no shortage of more senior lawyers, but the years in-between have always presented a problem, whatever the state of the job-market. This was as true of the boom years in the late 1980s as of the recent recession. It is a fact of recruitment that we simply take for granted. But why do solicitors hold back from the job-market as they reach the two-year-qualified mark?

A clue to the answer may be that the problem does not apply to vacancies in industry, only to private practice. Candidates who choose to leave private practice for industry do so at any stage in their careers. The timing is not significant. Candidates wishing to remain in private practice, however, are clearly unwilling to leave their firm during the two-to-four-year period after qualifying. And when at last they do choose to leave - at five, six or seven years - the reason often cited is that they are not being offered partnership. It is this expectation of partnership, therefore, that presumably kept them from moving during the preceding years. They assumed that their prospects were greatest in the firm they had been with since qualifying.

We would not argue with this view. However, it can cause candidates to miss their chance of moving to a better firm. They are still junior enough to be considered in terms of their ability only, without the expectation of a following. And the dearth of candidates at this level gives those who do come forward an exceptional range of vacancies to choose from. *Michael Chambers*

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Ascertaining chargeable gain

NAP Holdings UK Ltd v Whittles (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Lloyd of Berwick

[Speeches November 17]

To ascertain the amount of a chargeable gain accruing on a disposal in 1985 by a company of shares that it had acquired from its parent in exchange for an issue of its own shares, the amount of the consideration that the subsidiary was to be treated as having given for the acquisition was to be ascertained by reference to the base cost of the shares at the time of their acquisition by the parent company.

Westcott v Woolcombers Ltd ([1987] STC 600) had been correctly decided by the Court of Appeal and was to be regarded as concluding the matter notwithstanding certain intervening additions made to the relevant legislation.

The House of Lords so held, Lord Lloyd dissenting, when allowing an appeal by the Crown from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Nolan and Lord Justice Hirst) (*The Times* July 15, 1993; [1993] STC 592) that had been in favour of the taxpayer company, NAP Holdings UK Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Exco Overseas Ltd.

The Court of Appeal's judgment had reversed the decision of Mr Justice Millett (*The Times* December 16, 1991; [1992] STC 59) in which he had upheld a determination of a special commissioner confirming an assessment to corporation tax on the taxpayer company for its 1985 accounting period in the sum of £230 million.

The taxpayer company's parent company, Exco, owned the shares of Astbro Inc which it had acquired for $7.5 million in 1981 and 1982. In 1983 Exco had transferred the Astbro shares, then valued at $400 million, to the taxpayer company in exchange for an issue of 20 million shares in the taxpayer company. In 1985 the taxpayer company sold the Astbro shares outside the group for $344.

Mr Edward Nugee, QC and Mr Nicholas Warren, QC, for the Crown; Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the taxpayer company.

LORD KEITH said that the appeal was concerned with the interaction between certain provisions of the capital gains tax legislation.

Section 273(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 provided "... where a member of a group of companies disposes of an asset to another member of the group, both members shall ... be treated, so far as relates to corporation tax on chargeable gains, as if the asset acquired by the member to whom the disposal is made were acquired for a consideration of such amount as would secure ... neither a gain nor a loss would accrue..."

The Crown contended that by virtue of that provision the acquisition cost was $7.5 and the taxpayer made a capital gain of some $336.5 million and was liable to corporation tax accordingly.

It was argued by the taxpayer company that the acquisition cost to it was $400: section 273(1) had no application because the effect of section 78 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 (internal reorganisation of share capital not to be treated as involving any disposal) and section 85 of that Act (extending the reorganisation concept to certain share exchanges) was to exclude it.

Westcott v Woolcombers Ltd had dealt with the statutory predecessors of those enactments, which were for all practical purposes in the same terms. The Crown's argument in that case had been the opposite of that presented in the present case. It maintained that section 273(1) of the 1970 Act was excluded by the sections 78 and 85 provisions. That argument had been rejected by Mr Justice Hoffmann ([1986] STC 182, 188) and by the Court of Appeal ([1987] STC 600, 604, 606).

The special commissioner and Mr Justice Millett had decided the present case in favour of the Crown, applying the *Woolcombers* case. The Court of Appeal had reversed their decisions.

Lord Justice Nolan held that *Woolcombers* was not conclusive of the instant case because since the period to which it related additions had been made to the relevant legislation by paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1968 and section 40 of the Finance Act 1977 Act and that those additions had been consolidated with it in the 1970 and 1979 Acts, which governed the instant case: see section 279 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 and sections 87 and 88 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.

In the circumstances it was appropriate, Lord Justice Nolan had held, to construe the provisions of those consolidating statutes without reference to the earlier provisions which had been the subject of the *Woolcombers* decision.

Reliance for that proposition was placed on Lord Wilberforce's speech in *Farrell v Alexander* ([1977] AC 59, 73). In the opinion of Lord Justice Nolan, on a proper construction of section 273(1) in the context of the consolidated legislation there had been no disposal of the Astbro shares by Exco to the taxpayer company.

The next Finance Act after *Woolcombers*, that of 1988, reversed the decision by enacting in section 115 that section 273(1) should not apply to a transaction treated by sections 78 and 85 of the 1979 Act as not involving a disposal by the transferor company.

The construction placed on the predecesssors of section 273(1) and sections 78 and 85 in *Woolcombers* was not displaced by the enactment of the predecessor to section 279, or by that of the predecessor to sections 87 and 88.

As Viscount Simonds said in *Kirkness v John Hudson & Co Ltd* ([1955] AC 696, 712) "recourse may only be had to subsequent fiscal legislation if it is necessary to do so in order to resolve an ambiguity..." No such ambiguity was present here.

It was, in any event, not the later enactments which caused the Court of Appeal in the instant case to differ from the *Woolcombers* decision but the circumstance that those enactments had been incorporated in consolidation legislation.

The Court of Appeal had considered that the right course was to construe the consolidated legislation untrammelled by the earlier decision on a material part of what had been consolidated. It had been wrong to do so.

The rule in *Farrell v Alexander* was not an absolute one. Where there was a recent decision on the true construction of an enactment that had been the subject of consolidation it would be unrealistic to disregard it when approaching the interpretation of the later statute.

The Court of Appeal was bound by *Woolcombers*. The case was correctly decided. Particularly important was the emphasis there placed on the policy aspects of the matter.

In relation to a group of companies that policy was that gains and losses should be computed by reference to the consideration paid when an asset comes into the group and the consideration received when it went out.

That the legislation as it stood in the consolidating Acts was capable of leading to anomalies was undoubted. But the most serious arose because the draftsman of the later provisions was under an erroneous impression as to the proper construction of the earlier.

Lord Jauncey gave a concurring speech and Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill agreed with Lord Keith; Lord Lloyd gave a dissenting speech.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Ashurst Morris Crisp.

Identification in summary cases

North Yorkshire Trading Standards Department v Williams

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment November 3]

While an authority with a duty to prosecute summary non-arrestable offences might be hampered by lack of power to invoke identification procedures under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 without the cooperation of the defendant, it could not seek to rely on that lack of power to press for dock identification.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when dismissing an appeal by North Yorkshire Trading Standards Department by way of case stated from the dismissal by York Justices on February 8 of an information against Arthur John Williams alleging an offence under section 40(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1970.

Mr Andrew Goodman for the prosecution; Mr Williams did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE POTTS said that Mr Goodman had contended correctly that there were no means available to the trading standards department to require a defendant charged with a summary offence of unlawful harassment of a debtor, which was a non-arrestable offence, to attend an identification parade or participate in group identification or confrontation or any form of identification provided for in the 1984 Act and Code D of the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s66) Codes of Practice*.

It had been argued at trial that a prosecution witness should be allowed to carry out in court a dock identification of the defendant. The prosecution had informed the court of numerous unsuccessful attempts to interview the defendant.

His Lordship said that the manner in which the courts had approached dock identification was clear, namely that dock identification was undesirable and unsatisfactory, but it was legally admissible and that it was left to the discretion of the trial judge whether or not to admit it.

In the present case the justices had two questions to determine:

1 Was evidence resulting from dock identification admissible as a matter of law?

2 Should such evidence be excluded as a matter of discretion?

Mr Goodman contended that the justices erred in their approach to those questions in failing to give sufficient regard to non-cooperation by the defendant and failing to have due regard to the fact that the prosecution had no means of invoking the 1984 Act procedures without that cooperation.

He submitted that the justices should have permitted a dock identification and then at an appropriate stage considered the question of whether there was evidence before the court that could be properly considered having regard to the provisions of section 78 of the 1984 Act.

It was implicit in the case stated that the justices first considered admissibility and then refused to contemplate a dock identification on the ground that it would be prejudicial.

Accordingly the appeal would be dismissed.

His Lordship added that the Divisional Court had not overlooked the difficulties faced by the prosecution in the present case, nor the difficulties identified in the commentary to *R v Johnathan Eatough* ([1989] Crim LR 289).

In his Lordship's judgment it would be wrong to apply one approach to dock identification for minor offences and another for more serious offences.

If it was the case that authorities like the trading standards department were hampered in the prosecution of offences because of the trivial nature of the offence and a lack of resources and a lack of power to invoke the assistance of the 1984 Act, then that was a matter for Parliament.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that while he sympathised with the problems encountered by authorities with a duty to prosecute summary non-arrestable offences who, having been unable to interview defendants might have no opportunity to acquire evidence of identification until cases came before the justices, that did not mean that the principles should not apply to those cases. If Parliament wished prosecuting authorities to have special powers it should confer them.

If there was any doubt as to the approach justices should take to a proffered dock identification, the following principles should apply.

1 Although dock identifications were generally undesirable they were admissible in law. That was why committing justices had no power to exclude a dock identification: see *R v Horsham Justices, Ex parte Bukhari* ([1982] 74 Cr App R 291) and *R v Highbury Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Boyce and Others* ([1984] 79 Cr App R 132).

2 Whether a dock identification should be admitted in the exercise of discretion was for the trial judge or justices to decide. In his Lordship's judgment there would be circumstances, for example where a proffered dock identification came several years after the offence, where the probative value would be nil but the prejudice great. But each case had to be decided on its own circumstances to determine whether the prejudicial effect was greater than the probative worth.

3 If in the exercise of discretion a dock identification was admitted in evidence, justices, like juries, would have to be reminded by their clerk of the dangers in identification evidence and the potential weaknesses in accordance with *R v Turnbull* ([1977] QB 224).

Solicitors: Harland & Co, York.

Stayed charges on indictment

Regina v Cooper

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment November 14]

Where, at committal proceedings, the examining magistrate stayed charges against the defendant on the ground of abuse of process, the lapse of time making it improbable that he could have a fair trial on those charges, but the magistrate included in the committal papers all the statements which founded the charges that had been stayed, at the subsequent trial the judge had the power, under section 2(2) of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1933, to allow the prosecution to include in the indictment the charges that had been stayed by the magistrate.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of William Cooper against his conviction on December 3, 1993 at Sheffield Crown Court (Mr Justice Turner and a jury) of 12 offences, including rape and bestiality, on which he was sentenced to a total of 12 years imprisonment.

Mr Paul Worsely and Mr Henry Prosser, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Michael Murphy, QC and Mr Peter Kelson for the Corwn.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was submitted that the examining magistrate's jurisdiction to order a stay meant that there was a permanent stay which stopped the prosecution in its tracks and if the prosecution were dissatisfied they could have sought judicial review.

The stipendiary magistrate's deliberate inclusion in the committal bundle of the statements founding the charges he had stayed must have been on the basis that he regarded them prima facie as evidence admissible on the charges on which he had committed the defendant.

By section 2(2) of the 1933 Act the trial judge was given the power to allow the prosecution to include in an indictment counts relating to any offences disclosed on the depositions, whether or not the magistrate had committed on them.

Their Lordships could find nothing in the Act to say that that could not be done if the counts in question related to charges which had been stayed on the ground of abuse of process as opposed to insufficient evidence.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Sheffield.

Dismissing information at half-time

Regina v Barking Justices and Another, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Scott Baker

[Judgment November 8]

When justices were provisionally minded to dismiss an information prior to the start of the defence case, either of their own motion or upon hearing a defence submission to that effect, it was always desirable that the court should not so rule without first calling on the prosecution to address the court to avoid the possibility of injustice.

Further, it was clearly desirable as a general rule that justices should be directed to *Practice Direction (Submission of No Case)* ([1962] 1 WLR 227) when considering whether to conclude that the case go no further.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when making a declaration on an application by the Director of Public Prosecutions for judicial review of a decision of Barking Justices on February 2, 1994 when they held that there was no case to answer at the conclusion of the case for the prosecution in the trial of Stephen Robert Jennings on a charge of causing actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, QC and Miss Philippa McAtasney for the DPP; Mr Oscar Del Fabbro for Mr Jennings; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAKER said that the question was whether the justices were right not to call on the prosecuting advocate before retiring to consider whether there was a case to answer and subsequently stopping the case.

The relevant statutory provisions were section 9 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 relating to trials and rule 13 of the Magistrates' Courts Rules (SI 1981 No 552 [LI]), which rule, relied on by Mr Del Fabbro, contained no express provision for the prosecution to address the court at the conclusion of the Crown's case.

For guidance on conduct following a submission of no case his Lordship referred to *Wilkinson's Road Traffic Offences* (16th edition (1993) volume 1, p151). He also emphasised the last paragraph of the 1962 *Practice Direction* and referred to the speech of Lord Woolf in *Brooks v DPP* ([1994] AC 568, 581A-D) in which his observations on credibility were applicable to the close of the prosecution case where the court had to consider if there was a case to answer.

There was no reported authority which bore directly on the question before the Divisional Court. However, considerable indirect assistance came from *Mayes v Mayes* ([1971] 1 WLR 679) which identified the role of either common law or natural justice.

In the crown court it was invariably the rule that the judge would call upon the party which he was provisionally against to speak before ruling against that party. In his Lordship's experience that was the practice in the magistrates court.

Rule 13 of the 1981 Rules did not deal specifically with the situation where a point of law arose or a submission of no case was made. But, in his Lordship's judgment, it did not avail Mr Del Fabbro. Either of those situations was dealt with by natural justice or common law and it mattered not which.

It was not easy to know what was in the minds of justices when they said that they were not satisfied that the case was made out but at a point where they might require assistance from the prosecution. It was difficult to read into their minds whether it was a matter of law or a mixture of fact and law or fact alone.

It was always desirable that justices in such circumstances should call on the party they were provisionally against before ruling. In that way the possibility of injustice might be avoided.

It might be that justices had overlooked an aspect of the case and could change their minds when their attention was drawn to it. The prosecution should ordinarily have that opportunity.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that it was not apparent that the justices had been referred to the *Practice Direction*. It was clearly desirable as a general rule that the justices should have their attention directed to it when considering whether to conclude that the case go no further.

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Spirited Swedes pose distinct threat to United

ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

IF GOTHENBURG is not to be Manchester United's last European port of call this season, the players had better put out of their heads all the nonsense about the return of Eric Cantona "frightening the Swedes to death". That suggestion, well meant from the Crystal Palace manager, Alan Smith, completely misses the essence of what has made IFK Gothenburg such hardened European campaigners over the past 15 years.

Moreover, it fails to recognise the collective spirit and tactical organisation that carried Sweden to third place in the World Cup this summer. The point is that Gothenburg have met the likes of Cantona, and have known how to prevent their knees from knocking together at the prospect. They have beaten Barcelona — Stoichkov, Romario and all — in their Ullevi Stadium in the same European Champions' League in which Barcelona outclassed United 4-0.

So, it is assumed that there will be no lack of respect when Alex Ferguson and his players fly into Gothenburg this morning. The fact remains that a win is almost demanded of United tomorrow on a ground where Gothenburg have lost only five times in 46 European matches. A draw may just suffice, but that would require Gothenburg to lose in Barcelona next month.

Gothenburg do not make a habit of losing anywhere. They are the Arsenal of European competition. Welded together by belief in one another, they absorb the sting of the opposition and have the form, fitness and patience to wait until the final quarter and then to strike, often from unsuspected sources.

The Swedish league season is in winter hibernation, but Gothenburg had won, a month ago, their fourth domestic championship in five seasons under Roger Gustafsson, 42, a youth-team trainer of little repute until he became coach. Possibly, Gustafsson knew the goal-scoring potential of Magnus Erlingmark, the 26-year-old public relations assistant who was their match-winner against Barcelona; if so, he may have been in a Swedish minority of one, for the player had been purchased from Orebro in 1993 as a central defender.

Having taken to the forward role like a duck to water when given the opportunity because of an injury crisis, Erlingmark not only turned the game against Barcelona with an equaliser in the 74th minute, but also popped up in the last 15 minutes of both the Champions' League games against Galatasaray, of Turkey, to score the only goals in each.

There lies the comparison to Arsenal. How, in that case, did IFK figure in such a pulsating, almost carefree match with Manchester United at Old Trafford in September, when United won 4-2? The answer is one of spirit and excitement.

"United is a big team in Sweden," Gustafsson said after the game. "Maybe we were a little too impressed, maybe we were not used to so many strong players, so many good headers. I'm still impressed, but I also think when we come to Gothenburg we have chances to beat them."

Maybe. Gothenburg had dared to strike out for the lead at Old Trafford through the former Ajax striker, Stefan Pettersson, and but for a remarkable and fortuitous save from Schmeichel would have doubled that lead. They then lost their central defender, Jonas Olsson, with a dislocated shoulder, lost rhythm and shape, and a warrior-like performance from Ince galvanised United to take Gothenburg apart on the flanks.

Gothenburg went home, regrouped, and have since won three out of three European games, conceding one miserly goal. Two of the reasons for that ought to be familiar. Thomas Ravelli, the goalkeeper, and Joachim Bjorklund, the centre back, were pivots of the Swedish World Cup achievements. Bjorklund, 23, the nephew of Sweden's national team manager, will surely not for long parade his burning pace in part-time football. Ravelli is at the other end of the age scale. He is 35, and after 120 internationals is closing fast on the world record of 125 held by Peter Shilton.

Ravelli is one of the most unorthodox goalkeepers in the world, but his antics seem to work, just as his teams seem to recognise no pedigree of the opposition. Frightened to death? Pull the other one.



Ravelli, the eccentric but vastly experienced Gothenburg goalkeeper, will present a formidable obstacle to English hopes of Champions' League success tomorrow

England players paid, says Mains

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY union is learning, sometimes uncomfortably, how to look forward. Just how uncomfortably was emphasised yesterday when Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, added to his demand that the game's leading players should be paid — to stop them going to rugby league — by accusing England players of being paid for international appearances.

Mains, desperately disappointed that John Timu signed professional forms last week and that three other leading players have been in talks with rugby league clubs, wants his own union to take a "more liberal" line. England players, he suggested, profited from the sale of their international match ticket allocation, which has happened but is hardly official Rugby Football Union policy.

Indeed, Mains was criticised by Eddie Tonks, the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union council, who described his comment about payment as "quite absurd, and one that comes from spontaneous disappointment. Frankly, the game of rugby survives on its regulations, so he's absolutely wrong in his statement here. I am confident we have the replacement players."

In complete contrast, the Barbarians have taken a fond backward glance in selecting their team to play the South Africans in Dublin on December 3. Recollecting how a Barbarians team with an Irish front row beat Avril Malan's 1961 South Africans, they have repeated the dose for the traditional tour finale, with an added poignancy.

One of the front row that muddy, memorable day in Cardiff 33 years ago was the late Gordon Wood, then a Lansdowne prop. Keith, his son and now established as Ireland's first-choice hooker, will play next month alongside Nick Popplewell and Peter Clohessy. The Barbarians also include Philippe Saint-André, the France captain, and Ian Jones, the New Zealand flanker.

BARBARIANS (v South Africans, December 3): J Callard (Bath and England); S Geoghegan (Bath and Ireland), M Hall (Cardiff and Wales), S Hastings (Watsonians and Scotland), P Saint-André (Montferrand and France), C Chalmers (Melrose and Scotland), R Jones (Swansea and Wales, captain); N Popplewell (Wasps and Ireland), K Wood (Garryowen and Ireland), P Clohessy (Young Munster and Ireland), A Charron (Ottawa Irish and Canada), I Jones (North Harbour and New Zealand), S Shaw (Bristol), N Back (Leicester and England), R Wainwright (West Hartlepool and Scotland).

IN BRIEF

Swindon dismiss Gorman as manager

SWINDON Town, of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, yesterday dismissed John Gorman, their manager. Gorman, 45, was appointed at the County Ground in June 1993 after refusing an offer to follow Glenn Hoddle to Chelsea.

Gorman took charge at Swindon before club began its first campaign in the top flight of English football, but had little chance to win anything other than sympathy as Swindon struggled to stay in the FA Premier League. They were eventually relegated, finishing bottom of the table with five wins and only 30 points.

They began this season brightly, losing only one of their first seven league games, but a run of five defeats and a draw from their last six games led to announcement yesterday by the Swindon board that Gorman was to be replaced, on a temporary basis, by his assistant, Andy Rowland.

Harris appeal

Athletics: Danny Harris, of the United States, is likely to be reinstated this weekend by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) after serving nearly three years of a four-year ban for cocaine use.

Harris, the 1984 Olympic silver medal-winner in the 400 metre hurdles, has undergone extensive drug rehabilitation and the IAAF Council, meeting in Barcelona on Sunday, will consider an appeal by Harris under its "exceptional circumstances" rule.

Trial repeat

Cycling: A century of unpaced time-trials will be celebrated next year with a 50-mile event open to amateurs and professionals. The course will follow as closely as possible that used for the original trial, on October 5, 1895, based on Shefford in Bedfordshire.

Wellington win

Rackets: Wellington I, comprising Tim Cockroft and Toby Florey-Cookson, beat the Charterhouse pairing of James Acheson-Gray and Tim Drayson 15-7, 15-1, 15-1 to reach the quarter-finals of the Peel, Hunt public school old boys doubles championship. Harrow I also won their first-round match.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
First round
Mansfield v Northwich (7.45)
First round replays
Brentford v Cambridge Utd (7.45)
Bury v Bishop Auckland
Colchester v Yeading (7.45)
Fulham v Ashford Town (7.45)
Hitchin v Hereford
Rotherham v York
Scarborough v Chesterfield
Scunthorpe v Bradford
Woking v Barnet (7.45)
Bell's Scottish League
First division
St Johnstone v Airdrie
Second division
Greenock Morton v Stirling

FA VASE: Second round replays: West Midlands Police v Tower Hamlets; Malden Vale v Horsham; Pickering Town v Whickham (8.0).
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Staines Town v Barking; Wembley v Maidenhead United. Second division: Hungerford Town v Hemel Hempstead; Metropolitan Police v Barton Rovers. Third division: Horsham v Bedford Town; Southall v Northwood. Cup: Second round: Berkhamsted Town v Bishop's Stortford; Billericay Town v Heybridge Swifts, Boreham Wood v Purfleet; Hendon v Aylesbury United; Kingstonian v Sutton United; St Albans City v Ruislip Manor; Wokingham Town v Basingstoke Town; Witham Town v Enfield.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Second round replay: Atherstone Utd v Bilston Town.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division Cup: First round replay: Radcliffe Borough v Gretna. Second round: Bamber Bridge v Great Harwood Town; Eastwood Town v Alfreton Town; Fleetwood v Atherton LR; Lancaster City v Netherfield.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Stapenhill v Boldmere St M.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Louth Utd v Sheffield; Maltby MW v North Ferriby Utd; Pickering Town v Hallam.
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Welwyn Garden City v Biggleswade Tn; Wingate and Finchley v Brache Sparta.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss Town v Chatteris Town; Felixstowe Town v Haverhill Rovers.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE CUP: Second round, second leg: Aerostructures v Fleet Town; Bemerton Heath Harl v BAT; Brockenhurst v Bournemouth; Horndean v AFC Lymington; Wimborne v Gosport Borough.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield Utd v Elmore.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup: Second round: Eastwood v Atherton Collieries; Prescot v Flixton.
KONICA LEAGUE CUP: First round, second leg: Ton Pentre v Caersws.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round replay: Cardiff City v Ebbw Vale.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Coventry City v Sheffield United; Everton v Blackburn Rovers; Sunderland v Notts County.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Tottenham Hotspur (7.0); Queens Park Rangers v Millwall (at Harrow Borough, 7.0); Watford v Bristol Rovers (2.0); West Ham United v Charlton Athletic (7.0).
BUDWEISER CUP: Semi-finals: Bangor v Portadown (at Mourneview Park, Lurgan); Distillery v Ballyclare Comrades (Seaview, Belfast).
FA YOUTH CUP: First round replay: Oldham v Bury. Second round: Peterborough v Everton; Leyton Orient v Chelsea. Arsenal v Brighton

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 unless stated
Under-21 match
Welsh Districts v Romania (Haverfordwest)
Tour matches
Aberavon v South African Development XV
Bristol v Canterbury (SA)
Pontypridd v South Africa XV (2.30)
Llanelli v South African Police (7.15)
Newport v Pirates (SA)
Club matches
Bridgend v Swansea (7.15)
Mountain Ash v Penarth
Narberth v Newcastle Emlyn
South Wales Police v Treorchy

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Oldham v Bradford (7.30)
Second division
Batley v Ryedale York (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RALLYING: Network Q Rally.
REAL TENNIS: British Open (Queen's Club).
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston)

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FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster 81 Leopards 78; Sheffield 93 Sunderland 50.
NBA: New Jersey 98 LA Clippers 97; Sacramento 96 Cleveland 88; Portland 98 Detroit 96.

Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic division				
Orlando	5	2	.714	—
New York	5	3	.625	½
Boston	4	4	.500	1½
Washington	4	4	.500	1½
New Jersey	4	6	.400	2½
Philadelphia	3	6	.333	3
Miami	1	6	.143	4
Central division				
Indiana	5	3	.625	—
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	½
Chicago	5	4	.556	½
Detroit	5	4	.556	½
Cleveland	4	4	.500	1
Charlotte	3	5	.375	2
Atlanta	2	7	.222	3½

Western Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest division				
Houston	9	0	1.000	—
Denver	5	3	.625	3½
Dallas	4	3	.571	4
San Antonio	4	3	.571	4
Utah	4	5	.444	5
Minnesota	1	8	.111	8
Pacific division				
Golden State	7	1	.875	—
Phoenix	6	2	.750	1
Portland	4	3	.571	2½
Sacramento	4	3	.571	2½
Seattle	4	4	.500	3
LA Lakers	4	5	.444	3½
LA Clippers	0	9	000	7½

CRICKET

BLOEMFONTEIN: Tour match (third day of four): New Zealanders 538-7 dec (A C Parore 127 not out, B Young 111, C Harris 95, M D Crowe 89, K Rutherford 59; N Pretorius 5-182); Orange Free State 392-5 dec (R Steyn 157, M Arthur 83, H Cronje 56, K Venter 55 not out; C Harris 3-55).
SHEFFIELD SHIELD (final day of four): Queensland 203 and 257 (C McDermott 52), New South Wales 469 (M Waugh 113, M Bevan 103) and 2-0.

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 2 Chelsea 1
SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior first division: Corrected results: Parkfield 1 Old Grammarians 1, St Mary's Coll 1 Nottsborough 1
FA VASE: Third-round draw: Oadby v Ossett Albion, Hatfield Main v Maine Road; Barwell v Brandon; Thackley v Cammell Laird or Meir KA, Eastwood Hanley v Whickham or Pickering; Poulton v St Andrews; Arnold v Burscough, Glossop North End v Stocksbridge Park Steels, South Shields v Hucknall; Belper Town v Willington; Wisbech v Stotfold, Hadleigh v Corinthian; Newmarket Town v Canvey Island; Wingate and Finchley v Basildon United, Diss Town v Barton Rovers, Lowestoft Town v Raunds Town; Metropolitan Police v Collier Row; Eynesbury Rovers v Halstead Town; Hinckley Athletic v Pelsall Villa, Boston Town v Arlesey Town; Tower Hamlets or West Midlands Police v Northwood, Bournemouth v Croydon; Hailsham Town v Eastleigh; Taunton Town v Westbury United; Wick v Elmore; Tiverton Town v Horsham or Malden Vale; Banstead Athletic v Falmouth Town; Mangotsfield United v Whitehawk or Chatham Town; Stamco v Shoreham; Oxford City v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Wimborne Town v Barnstaple Town; Tunbridge Wells v Liskeard Athletic. Ties to be played on 10 December.

GOLF

THOUSAND OAKS, California: Men's pairs tournament: Final scores (US unless stated). 190: F Couples and B Faxon 68, 64, 58. 192: C Strange and M O'Meara 70, 64, 58. 193: C Beck and J Maggert 69, 65, 60. 194: L Wadkins and A Magee 66, 66, 62. 195: B Crenshaw and M Calcavecchia 69, 62, 64. 196: A Palmer and P Jacobsen 73, 64, 59. 197: N Price (Zim) and G Norman (Aus) 72, 63, 62; H Irwin and B Lietzke 70, 67, 60. 204: F Zoeller and D Frost (SA) 71, 67, 66. 205: R Floyd and S Elkington (Aus) 73, 69, 63.
PEBBLE BEACH, California: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 277: R Gamez 65, 71, 70, 71. 283: K Triplett 73, 71, 68, 71. 285: R Gilder 73, 74, 70, 68, K Fergus 70, 70, 72, 73.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 4 Humberside 7; Cardiff 11 Sheffield 8; Durham 2 Nottingham 5; Edinburgh 13 Peterborough 3, Fife 8 Basingstoke 2; Whitley Bay 6 Milton Keynes 4. First division: Blackburn 3 Swindon 15; Chelmsford 3 Guildford 10; Dumfries 7 Telford 20; Lee Valley 10 Romford 6; Medway 7 Slough 13; Paisley 12 Trafford 7. Solihull 8 Teesside 6.

RACKETS

QUEENS CLUB: Old Boys doubles championships: Qualifying round: Rugby I (G Devereux and R Montgomerie) bt Malvern III (R Mason and J Hughes) 15-8, 15-11, 15-6; Charterhouse I (J Acheson-Gray and T Drayson) bt Shrewsbury (D McDonald and J Eaton) 8-15, 15-6, 18-16, 15-7; Eton II (H Swinglehurst and M Brooks) bt Charterhouse III (H Taylor and D Drayson) 15-8, 15-7, 15-3, Tonbridge II (K Walker and P Le Marchand) bt Rugby II (A Anton and R Trimble) 14-17, 15-8, 15-2, 15-7, Malvern II (S Shenkman and R Henman) bt Millfield (M Cox and F Williams) 15-10, 15-1, 15-2; Marlborough III (T Barker and W Wells) bt Wellington IV (A Braithwaite and G Hewitt) 15-7, 15-9, 15-5; Tonbridge IV (R Gracey and J Wilmot) beat Marlborough IV (R Brown and R Fleck) 15-0, 15-6, 15-3. Main Draw: First Round: Radley (J Male and L Danby) beat Tonbridge II 15-7, 15-6, 15-11, Haileybury (R Wakeley and R Ellis) bt Malvern II 15-8, 15-6, 12-15, 13-18, 15-7; Tonbridge I (J Spurling and J Longley) beat Malborough III 15-11, 15-9, 15-1

RUGBY UNION

CIS UNDER-18 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern Counties 18 Sussex 20; Surrey 22 Hertfordshire 3.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Reigate 11 Guildford RGS 18; Sherborne 0 Radley 3; St Albans 3 St Georges, Harpenden 53; Yarm 41 QEHS 5.
SWALEC CUP: Fourth-round draw: Group one: *Bridgend v Cross Keys. Ystrad Rhondda v Penarth. Group two: *Pontypridd v Newport, Resolven v Pontypool. Group three: *Swansea v Llanharan; Abertillery v Abercynon. Group four: *Newbridge v Treorchy; Nelson v Fleur de Lys. Group five: *Maesteg v Ebbw Vale; Hartridge HSOB v Aberystwyth or Old Illtydians. Group six: *Cardiff v Merthyr; Pyle v Tylorstown. Group seven: Aberavon Green Star v *Tenby Utd; Abercrave v Aberavon. Group eight: Neyland v *Dunvant, Aberavon Quins or Felinfoel v Amman Utd or Tonyrefail. Group nine: Blaina v *Bonymaen; Ruthin v Builth Wells. Group ten: *Llanelli v Caerphilly or Trebanos; Glynneath v Vardre. Group 11: *Neath v Aberaman, Glyncoch or Morriston v Gilfach Goch. Group 12: *Narberth v Mountain Ash, Penyrych v Whitland. Group 13: Carmarthen Quins v *South Wales Police; Old Penarthians v Bargoed. Group 14: *Maesteg Celtic v Penygraig; Rhyl and Dist v Llantwit Fardre. Group 15: Seven Sisters v *Ystradgynlais; Blackwood v Glamorgan Wanderers. Group 16: Cardiff Institute v *Llandovery, Tondu v Pwllheli.
* denotes seeded team. Ties to be played on December 17.

TENNIS

NEW YORK: Women's tournament: Final: G Sabatini (Arg) bt L Davenport (US) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4

WEIGHTLIFTING

ISTANBUL: World championships: Men: 64kg: Snatch: 1, N Suleymanoglu (Tur) 14.75 kg (world record), 2, L Valerios (Gre) 146.5; 3, I Iliev (Bul) 142.5. Clean and jerk: 1, Suleymanoglu 182.5 (world record), 2, Valerios 180.5, 3, A Czanka (Hun) 172.5. Total: 1, Suleymanoglu 330 kg (world record), 2, Valerios 327; 3, Czanka 312.5. Women: 54 kg: Snatch: 1, Li Feng Ying (China) 87.5 kg, 2, Wang Sheng (China) 87.5; 3, Gueorguieva (Bul) 87.5. Clean and jerk: 1, Wan Seng 110; 2, K Maleswari (India) 110; 3, Li Feng Ying 107.5. Total: 1, Wang Sheng 197.5; 2, Maleswari 197.5; 3, Li Feng Ying 197.5

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

HEAD SHIELD
(a) The frontal skeleton of a trilobite. Trilobites are extinct bottom-of-the-ocean feeders (cf. crabs). As their head shields show, the species of trilobite are different north and south of the Solway Firth. The geological theory is that the old ocean (Iapetus, because he was the father of Atlantis) closed and then reopened later, allowing trilobites to evolve different head shields on either side of the closure.

BANDEAU
(a) The edge of the penthouse roof. In real tennis, the penthouse roof is used as the service area for bouncing balls along, and it is edged with the bandeau. This must have been an original feature of a corner of a castle (in France or Flanders?) where tennis was first played, and its sloping nature suggests it was out of doors, probably covering a gallery, cloister, walkway or whatever.

HEAD-FOOT
(a) This is the Anglo-Saxon part of a snail or cephalopod (Greek for head-foot) which leaves slime trails over your favourite plants or recently cleaned patio. It means "having the organs of locomotion attached to the head", an uncomfortable system, one would have thought.

BALLYHOO OF BLAZES
(b) Obsolescent US sailors's slang for a vessel which they dislike for any reason, etymology of first element uncertain, but perhaps the same word as ballahou a lubberly or ungainly vessel, from the Spanish balahú a schooner.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1, ... Qd4+! wins the queen, as 2, Qxd4 Nh3 is mate.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 26 unless stated
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Blackburn v QPR 1
2 Chelsea v Everton 1
3 Leeds v Nott'm F X
4 Liverpool v Tottenham 1
5 Man City v Wimbledon 2
6 Norwich v Leicester 1
7 West Ham v Coventry 1
Not on coupons: Arsenal v Manchester United, Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday (Sunday), Crystal Palace v Southampton, Newcastle United v Ipswich Town

FIRST DIVISION
8 Barnsley v Bolton 2
9 Grimsby v Burnley 1
10 Oldham v Bristol C 1
11 Port Vale v Millwall 1
12 Portsm'th v Sunderl'd 1
13 Reading v Tranmere X
14 Sheff Utd v Southend 1
15 Swindon v Luton 2
16 Watford v Stoke X
Not on coupons: Charlton Athletic v Middlesbrough; Notts County v West Bromwich Albion, Wolves v Derby (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
17 Blackpool v Wycombe 1
18 Bourn'm'th v Oxford 2
19 Brentford v Brighton 1
20 Bristol R v Hudd'field X
21 Crewe v Cambridge 1
22 Peterboro v Leyton O X
23 Rotherham v Chester 1
24 Shrewsbury v Bradford 1
25 Stockp't v B'mingham 2
26 Wrexham v Swansea 2
27 York v Plymouth X
Not on coupons: Cardiff v Hull (Friday)

THIRD DIVISION
28 Bury v Fulham 1
29 Carlisle v Doncaster X
30 Chest'field v Preston 2
31 Colchester v S'thorpe 1
32 Darlington v Barnet 2
33 Exeter v Scarboro 1
34 Hartlepool v Rochdale 2
35 Lincoln v Gillingham 1
36 Mansfield v Walsall 2
37 North'pton v Hereford 1
38 Torquay v Wigan 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
39 Northwich v Yeovil 1
40 R'corn v Dagenham X
41 Southport v Merthyr 1
42 Stalybridge v Woking 2
43 Stevenage v K'minster X

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP FINAL
Not on coupons: Celtic v Raith (at Ibrox, Sunday)

SCOTTISH PREMIER
44 Falkirk v Dundee U X
45 Kilmarnock v Hearts X
46 Motherwell v Partick 1
Not on coupons: Rangers v Aberdeen (Friday)

SCOTTISH FIRST
47 Dundee v Ayr 1
48 Hamilton v S Johnst'n X
49 Stranraer v Dunf'mline 2
Not on coupons: Clydebank v Airdrie

SCOTTISH SECOND
50 Berwick v Stenh'muir 1
51 Brechin v Q of South 2
52 Clyde v Dumbarton 1
53 G Morton v East Fife X
54 Stirling v Meadowb'k 1

SCOTTISH THIRD
55 Arbroath v Ross 1
56 Caledonian v Alloa 2
57 Cowdenb'th v Albion 1
58 Forfar v E Stirling 1
Not on coupons: Queen's Park v Montrose

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Leeds, Reading, Watford, Bristol Rovers, Peterborough, York, Carlisle, Stevenage, Falkirk, Kilmarnock, Hamilton, Greenock Morton.
BEST DRAWS: Leeds, Bristol Rovers, York, Stevenage, Kilmarnock.
AWAYS: Bolton, Luton, Birmingham, Swansea, Walsall.
HOMES: Blackburn, Liverpool, Brentford, Shrewsbury, Bury, Exeter, Lincoln, Northwich, Motherwell, Dundee, Stirling, Cowdenbeath.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Blackburn, Liverpool, Bury, Lincoln, Motherwell. Aways: Bolton, Birmingham, Woking. Draws: Leeds, Bristol Rovers, Stevenage.
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-and-
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NOTICE is hereby given that a petition was on 2nd November 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named company from £4,069,296. to £3,801,383.
AND NOTICE is further given that the said petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 30th November 1994.
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such persons requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment for the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 16th day of November 1994.
Birkett Westhorpe & Long.
20/32 Museum Street.
Ipswich. Suffolk. IP1 1HZ.
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

Taba Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 1st December 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 16th November 1994
Heath Hollingworth - Director.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW JUSTICES LICENCE
To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of South Westminster
To the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis
To the Town Clerk of Westminster City Council
and to all whom it may concern
I, MUSTFA KENAWI of 86 Russell Avenue London N22 6BS and HASSAN FAKROUNI of 8A Mozart Street, London W10 4JA. Having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Restaurant Managers.
DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the transfer sessions for the District to be held at Westminster City Council House, Marylebone Road London NW1 on the 6th day of December 1994 next.
For the grant to us of a Justices Licence, authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises situate at the basement of 35 Cranbourn Street London WC2 and also known as 12 St Martins Court London WC2 and to be known by the sign of "KOHA" of which premises Bressingham Holdings Limited of 12 King Street Dover Kent CT16 1NU are leasehold owners.
Dated the 14th day of November 1994
BRABY & WALLER
48/50 St John Street
London
EC1M 4DP
(Ref: SE/PJD.Bressingham).
Authorised Agent on behalf of the Applicant.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 6810 of 1994
IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTIANI & NIELSEN LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petition was on 21st October, 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £12,000,000 to £7,000,000.
THEN
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 30th day of November 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Thomas Cooper & Stibbard,
52 Leadenhall Street,
London EC3A 2DJ.
Ref: ABW/NHG
Solicitors for the above named Company.

H. M. Land Registry
Lost Certificates
It is proposed to issue a new certificate to replace the described below that it is stated to have been lost or destroyed. Anyone possessing the missing certificate or objecting to the issuing of a new one should at once notify The Croydon District Land Registry of Sunley House, Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 3LE.
Charge Certificate Freehold Title No: K54065. 15 Rokesby Close, Welling, Kent DA16 3RR.
Proprietor of Charge: Halifax Building Society of PO Box 60, Trinity Road, Halifax, W Yorks HX1 2RG.

No: 007048
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF NMC GROUP PLC
-AND-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 1st day of November 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of capital by £12,364,148 and cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 30th day of November 1994.
ANY Creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and the reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition referred to above will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 16th day of November 1994.
TRAVERS SMITH BRAITHWAITE
10 Snow Hill
London EC1A 2AL
for the above-named Company.

PHOENIX MARINE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at The Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London EC2M 7QN on the 30 November 1994 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. In accordance with Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act, Malcolm Peter Fillmore of Paul Peters Partnership, Ocean House, Hazelwick Avenue, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1NP, a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company will, during the period before the day on which the meeting is held, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1994.
B D King Director.

PUBLIC NOTICES

AHERN, BRIAN JOSEPH JEREMIAH AHERN, late of Fareham, Hampshire, died at Portsmouth, Hampshire on 8th August 1994. (Estate about £40,000).
CLEAVER nee YOUNG, LUCY ANN MOULDING CLEAVER otherwise LUCY ANN CLEAVER nee YOUNG Widow late of Leicester died there on 31 March 1993. (Estate about £6,000)
COCHRANE, JOSEPH MARTIN COCHRANE late of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire died there on 24 November 1993. (Estate about £26,000).
COHEN, ISIDORE COHEN late of Leytonstone, London E11 died there on 26 June 1994. (Estate about £3,000).
DAVIS nee FORRESTER, VIOLET ELIZA DAVIS nee FORRESTER Widow late of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire died there on 21 November 1992 (Estate about £28,000).
EDMANDS, CONSTANCE REBECCA RALLEY EDMANDS Spinster late of Derby, died there on 20 August 1992. (Estate about £6,000).
GOLIGHTLY, JAMES GOLIGHTLY late of Woodensborough, SANDWICH, Kent died there on 12 January 1991 (Estate about £50,000).
HANSON, LILIAN IRENE HANSON otherwise LILIAN HANSON Spinster late of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, died there on 14 September 1991 (Estate about £8,000).
HAYNES, JOHN LLOYD HAYNES late of Rugby, Warwickshire died there on 27 August 1993 (Estate about £10,000)
LEWIS nee HAWORTH, DAISIE ROMA LEWIS otherwise DAISY ROMA LEWIS nee HAWORTH Widow late of Southall, Middlesex died there on 17 May 1994. (Estate about £17,000).
PHILLIPS, ALBERT EDWARD PHILLIPS late of West Bromwich, West Midlands died there on 15 November 1992 (Estate about £3,780)
ROADHOUSE, DOUGLAS ROADHOUSE late of Brighton, East Sussex died there on 28 March 1994. (Estate about £7,500).
SWEENEY, JOHN THOMAS SWEENEY late of Norwich, Norfolk died there on 4 April 1994 (Estate about £55,000).
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate

PUBLIC NOTICES

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW JUSTICES OFF-LICENCE

To: The Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of Barnet, Barnet Magistrates Court, 7C High Street, Barnet, Herts EN5 5UE.

The Chief Officer of Police, West Hendon Police Station, The Broadway, West Hendon, London NW9.

The Proper Officer (Chief Executive or Town Clerk) London Borough of Barnet, Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

The Chief Fire Officer, London Fire Brigade North, Area Fire Safety Branch, 5-6 City Forum, City Road, London EC1V 2NY.

AND to all others whom it may concern.

I, Jonathan Stainton Burrell of Flat 8, Claire Court, High Road, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Area Manager and I, Anita Mary Griffiths of 66 Hollyfield, Harlow, Essex CM19 4MA, having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Retail Store Manager INTEND to apply at the Licensing Sessions to be held at The Magistrates Court, The Court House, High Street, Barnet, on the 8th day of December 1994 at 10am for the grant to us of a new Justices Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption off the premises situate at 137-139 Station Road, Edgware and known by the sign of M+W.

Dated this 14th day of November 1994
Nicholas Stewart Putnam
Misselbrook & Weston Limited
Canberra Road, Nursling, Southampton SO16 0WB
Solicitor and Authorised Agent on behalf of the Applicants

LEGAL NOTICES

STRACORA HOLDINGS LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that on 16th November, 1994, a written Special Resolution was duly passed approving a payment out of capital for the purpose of the purchase of it's own shares: the amount of permissable capital payment for the shares is £13,775; the Statutory Declaration and Auditors Report required by Section 173 of the Company's Act 1985 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Weddell Way, Brackmills, Northampton NN4 OHS; any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for an order prohibiting the payment.

Wonders of the World Limited
t/s Avanrose Clothing
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 30th November 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 14th November 1994
Paul A Cunningham - Director.

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
(incorporated in Canada)
CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED PERPETUAL 4% CONSOLIDATED DEBENTURE STOCK
NEW BRUNSWICK RAILWAY COMPANY 4% DEBENTURE STOCK
CALGARY & EDMONTON RAILWAY COMPANY 4% DEBENTURE STOCK
In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest due January 1 1995 on the above Stocks, the transfer books will be closed at 3.30pm on December 2 1994 and will be re-opened on January 3 1995.
D.R KEAST
Deputy Secretary.
62-65 Trafalgar Square,
London WC2N 5DY.
November 17 1994.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE
071-782 7344
OR
FAX: 071-782 7827
Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

Vice-captain's unbeaten century secures draw on eve of Ashes series

Stewart gives England timely boost

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN HOBART

A TEAM forced to follow on can seldom aspire to anything grander than consolation and England, already wincing at the first signs of Australian *smugness even* before a Test match ball has been bowled, were happy enough to escape from here yesterday, bowed but not beaten.

There was a century from Alec Stewart to cheer their deflated spirits and to guarantee that he will open the innings in the first Test match on Friday. There were also welcome signs of renewed assertiveness from Graham Thorpe. England, indeed, almost matched their first-innings total with only one wicket down before calling it a day, declining the extra hour available after five stoppages for showery rain.

It was hard to infer much of great significance from the day. After the virtual washout on Sunday, the contest was over once England, following on 177 runs behind the Australian XI, had avoided any early casualties. The pitch was placid and the bowling became pliable. By mid-afternoon, Channel Nine had stood down its commentators and begun to dismantle its cameras. Most of the small crowd took the hint and went home, too.

It might be argued that England needed all possible practice and were therefore wrong to accept the early finish, but Michael Atherton, the captain, disagreed. "The game was dead and there is nothing to be gained from batting on in such *circumstances*," he said. "We had to make sure we played with a bit of pride today to save the game, and that much was achieved."

That England were in such an invidious position, however, is cause for genuine concern. These opponents were motivated and competitive, but not one of them has gained a place in the Australia party of 12 for the Brisbane Test. The selectors have relied exclusively on the players who toured Pakistan recently, so the public clamour for the *return of Merv Hughes has so* far been unproductive.

Hughes looked overweight and under-bowled in this game but his Ashes record over the past four series, and his determination to claim one last opportunity, cautions against dismissing him just yet.

The seam bowling on Friday will be done by Craig McDermott, still nominally Australia's No 1 despite doubts about his penetration, with one or both of the 24-year-olds, Glenn McGrath and Damien Fleming, in support. The England batsmen have no first-hand experience of either bowler, but will be studying videos between now *and Friday. McGrath is the* taller and faster of the pair but Fleming, who took a hat-trick on his Test debut in Rawalpindi last month, bowls outswingers at about the pace of Terry Alderman. Food for thought.

It is an inexperienced pace attack but one not inclined to the profligacy of England's. Atherton yesterday agreed that he was more worried about his bowlers than his batsmen, criticising their elementary failure in this match to bowl to a field setting. "All Australians cut well and we gave them far too much to cut," he said. "There were also 150 runs scored on the leg side when we had an off-side field.

"What you have to bear in mind, though, is that you can't expect some of our guys to bowl like Angus Fraser. They are not that type." This was more than a throw-away remark from the captain, who wanted Fraser in the tour party and is not alone, among the senior players, in believing that his omission looks ever more of a mistake.

One problem, at least, was resolved by Stewart's century. Had he failed yesterday, the pressure to abandon preconceived notions and bat him at No 5 in the Test side, with Graham Gooch opening, would have been immense. It will not happen now, and there is no saying that England will be the better for it, but Gooch is resigned to his fate in the middle order.

Stewart was given a thorough test up to lunch-time. Hughes and Paul Reiffel bowled challengingly and Stewart's fondness for hitting the ball off the back foot through mid-wicket and extra cover was recognised by the presence of fielders, 15 yards from the bat, in both areas. He negotiated them fluently, however, and although conspicuously declining the hook stroke that has brought his downfall too often, batted with impressive freedom.

Atherton, by contrast, was introspective, playing only the balls that absolutely demanded attention. After making two singles in almost an hour, he did uppercut Hughes for four over the slips — a stroke that brought one of the more genial mid-pitch exchanges of Hughes's career — but otherwise his purpose was to limit risk and deny the Australians the satisfaction of English embarrassment.

He was cross with himself for the mistimed pull that dismissed him on 49, for he has reached 35 in five of six first-class innings on this tour and still not passed 68, but by then the bite had gone from the occasion. Thorpe was able to repair his damaged confidence, and did so with some encouragingly forthright driving, before Stewart completed an important century inside four hours. With his return to fitness and form, England have at least four batsmen with whom to take on Australia's formidable top six.

AUSTRALIA (from): M A Taylor (captain), M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, M G Bevan, S R Waugh, I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott, T B A May, D W Fleming, G D McGrath.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings: 386-7 dec (D R Martyn 103, R T Ponting 71, S G Law 68, G S Blewett 53, M N Atkinson 51 not out; M McCague 3-115).

ENGLAND XI

First Innings

*M A Atherton c Reiffel b Hughes	2
A J Stewart c Langer b Reiffel	27
G P Thorpe b Angel	19
G A Gooch b Reiffel	50
J P Crawley st Atkinson b Robertson	14
C White lbw b Angel	18
†S J Rhodes c Reiffel b Hughes	50
D Gough c Blewett b Angel	4
M McCague c Atkinson b Hughes	16
J E Benjamin lbw b Hughes	1
P C R Tufnell not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 2)	8
Total	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-36, 3-92, 4-117, 5-117, 6-152, 7-156, 8-194, 9-200.

BOWLING: Hughes 17.4-4-51-4; Reiffel 19-8-41-2; Robertson 26-7-72-1; Angel 12-2-36-3; Blewett 4-2-3-0.

Second Innings

*M A Atherton c Hughes b Blewett	49
A J Stewart not out	101
G P Thorpe not out	48
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 4)	9
Total (1 wkt)	207

FALL OF WICKET: 1-131.

BOWLING: Hughes 10-2-43-0; Reiffel 16-6-33-0; Angel 12-3-30-0; Robertson 18-3-68-0; Blewett 8-0-28-1.

Umpires: S G Randell and P Parker.

REBECCA NADEN



Martyn fails to hold a chance offered by Atherton, the England captain, yesterday

Indian victory in sight after failure by Lara

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WEST Indies were pushed to the verge of defeat on the fourth day of the first Test match against India in Bombay yesterday despite valiant efforts by Jimmy Adams and Junior Murray to turn the tide.

West Indies, 252 for eight in their second innings, are still 111 runs short of their victory target with no recognised batsmen remaining.

In a rare partnership between wicketkeepers, Adams and Murray raised hopes of a dramatic revival after coming together at 82 for five 45 minutes after lunch. They added 162 runs for the sixth wicket before Murray was bowled by the off spinner, *Rajesh Chauhan*, for 85.

Murray, whose previous best score in 13 Tests was 49 not out against Australia two seasons ago, struck seven *fours and two sixes as he and* Adams made light of the vagaries of a pitch that has offered encouragement to all types of bowlers.

In the over following Murray's departure, Adams was leg-before to an inswinger from Javagal Srinath after making 81 in 205 minutes with ten fours and a six.

Play ended for the day at the fall of the eighth wicket, that of Kenny Benjamin, caught at silly point by the Indian captain, Azharuddin, off the bowling of the left-arm spinner Raju, the same combination having earlier accounted for Keith Arthurton. India *have just a mopping-up operation* to complete to achieve their twelfth victory in their last 13 Test matches at home.

At the start of another *eventful day in what has been* a game of exhilarating twists and turns, Srinath hit 40 brisk runs to take his score to 60 and the Indian total to 333. Set 363 for victory, West Indies got off to a terrible start when Manoj Prabhakar, who was taking the shine off the ball before the introduction of the spinners, dismissed *Phil Simmons and* Brian Lara in the first over of *the innings*, the world record-holder failing to score.

After the first delivery had been declared a no-ball, Prabhakar had Simmons edging the second to the wicket-keeper, Nayan Mongia. Four balls later, Lara edged an outswinger into his stumps and West Indies were two for two. Carl Hooper and Arthurton both managed to get established but failed to offer prolonged resistance as India pressed home their advantage.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings: 272 (N Mongia 80, S Manjrekar 51; C Walsh 8-79).

Second Innings

M Prabhakar c Hooper b Benjamin	7
N S Sidhu lbw b Benjamin	12
†N Mongia c Adams b Benjamin	0
V G Kambli c Hooper b Benjamin	0
S R Tendulkar c Murray b Hooper	85
*M Azharuddin c Arthurton b Hooper	17
S V Manjrekar c Cuffy b Walsh	66
A Kumble c Hooper b Cuffy	42
J Srinath st Murray b Dhanraj	60
R Chauhan c Murray b Walsh	4
V Raju not out	3
Extras (b 12, lb 14, nb 11)	37
Total	333

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-10, 3-11, 4-43, 5-88, 6-162, 7-237, 8-265, 9-309.

BOWLING: Walsh 28-8-64-2; Benjamin 24-3-82-4; Dhanraj 10-0-48-1; Hooper 24-4-86-2; Cuffy 12-2-48-1.

WEST INDIES: First Innings: 243 (S L V Raju 5-60).

Second Innings

P V Simmons c Mongia b Prabhakar	0
S C Williams lbw b Srinath	11
B C Lara b Prabhakar	0
C L Hooper c Mongia b Srinath	23
K L T Arthurton c Azharuddin b Raju	20
J C Adams lbw b Srinath	81
†J R Murray b Chauhan	85
R Dhanraj not out	3
K C G Benjamin c Azharuddin b Raju	2
Extras (b 13, lb 9, nb 5)	27
Total: (8 wkts)	252

*C A Walsh and C E Cuffy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-26, 4-48, 5-82, 6-244, 7-246, 8-252.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 3-0-17-2; Srinath 17-6-45-3; Raju 25.3-4-75-2; Kumble 12-1-39-0; Chauhan 15-3-45-1; Tendulkar 3-0-9-0.

Umpires: H D Bird (England) and S K Bansal (India).

Harris does hat-trick

CHRIS Harris became only the second player to take a first-class hat-trick for New *Zealand during the third day* of the touring team's match with Orange Free State in Bloemfontein yesterday.

Harris, who was 25 on *Sunday, took a return catch to* dismiss Rudolf Steyn for 157 with the last ball of his sixth over after lunch. From the first two deliveries of the all-rounder's seventh over, Louis *Wilkinson drove straight to* short extra cover and Gerhardus Liebenberg flicked a catch to mid-wicket. The previous hat-trick for *New Zealand was achieved* by Peter Petherick against Pakistan in 1976.

FIXTURES FOR THE 1995 CRICKET SEASON

April

13-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Yorkshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Durham
18-TETLEY BITTER SHIELD (four days)
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v England A
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Lancashire
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan
21-UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day)
The Parks: Combined Universities v Northamptonshire
23-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Stockton: Durham v Leicestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Glamorgan
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Combined Universities
Lord's: Middlesex v Hampshire
Leek: Minor Counties v Lancashire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
The Oval: Surrey v Ireland
Worcester: Worcestershire v Scotland
25-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Combined Universities
Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Leek: Minor Counties v Nottinghamshire
Glasgow (Titwood): Scotland v Derbyshire
Hove: Sussex v Ireland
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham
Headingley: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
27-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
*Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex
*Stockton: Durham v Hampshire
*Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire
*Canterbury: Kent v Northamptonshire
*Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
*The Oval: Surrey v Gloucestershire
*Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
OTHER MATCH (four days)
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Worcestershire
30-OTHER MATCH (one day)
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire

May

2-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Essex
Stockton: Durham v *Nottinghamshire*
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Leicester: *Leicestershire v Minor Counties*
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
Glasgow (Hamilton Crescent): Scotland v *Yorkshire*
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
4-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Worcestershire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham
Leicester: *Leicestershire v Yorkshire*
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
7-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Worcestershire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Hampshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
9-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
The Parks: Combined Universities v Hampshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Comber (North Down CC): Ireland v Kent
Old Trafford: Lancashire v *Nottinghamshire*
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Jesmond: Minor Counties v Durham
Taunton: Somerset v Surrey
Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
11-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Sussex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Durham
Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire
13-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v West Indians
14-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chesterfield: *Derbyshire v Yorkshire*
Swansea: Glamorgan v Sussex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Durham
Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Southampton: Hampshire v West Indians
UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day)
Fenner's: Cambridge v Oxford
16-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v West Indians
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Eglinton: Ireland v Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham
Lord's: Middlesex v Combined Universities
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Scotland
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Hove: Sussex v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Minor Counties
18-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Essex
Bradford: Yorkshire v Glamorgan
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire
19-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Taunton: Somerset v West Indians
21-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Essex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Glamorgan
24-TEXACO TROPHY
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES (first one-day international)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Glamorgan
25-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Sussex
Liverpool: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Durham
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Derbyshire
26-TEXACO TROPHY
THE OVAL: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES (second one-day international)
28-TEXACO TROPHY
LORD'S: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES (third one-day international)
AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
Portsmouth: *Hampshire v Sussex*
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Durham
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
30-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Quarter-finals

June

1-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
2-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire
3-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Northampton: Northamptonshire v West Indians
4-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v *Gloucestershire*
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
7-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Basingstoke: *Hampshire v Leicestershire*
The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
27-NATWEST TROPHY, first round
March: Cambridgeshire v Derbyshire
Chester (Boughton Hall): Cheshire v Essex
St Austell: Cornwall v Middlesex
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Herefordshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Dorset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Suffolk
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Norfolk
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Northampton: Nonhamptonshire v Holland
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Scotland
Stone: Staffordshire v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Berkshire
Hove: Sussex v Devon
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Worcester: Worcestershire v Cumberland
Headingley: Yorkshire v Ireland
28-TOUR MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Combined Universities v West Indians
29-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire
Ilford: Essex v Warwickshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Durham
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

July

1-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Hove: Sussex v West Indians
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
*Folkestone: Kent v Cambridge University
UNDER-19 MATCH (one day)
Canterbury: England v South Africa
2-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire
Ilford: Essex v Warwickshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Durham
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire
3-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Trowbridge: England Amateur XI v Australia A
4-UNDER-19 MATCH (one day)
Chelmsford: England v South Africa
5-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Maidstone: Kent v Derbyshire
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Taunton: Somerset v Australia A
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge
6-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Darlington: Durham v Worcestershire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
Arundel: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
8-TOUR MATCH (three days)
Neath: Glamorgan v Australia A
9-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Darlington: Durham v Worcestershire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire
Maidstone: Kent v Derbyshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
Arundel: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
12-NATWEST TROPHY, second round
Chester (Boughton Hall) or Chelmsford: Cheshire or Essex v Yorkshire or Ireland
Chester-le-Street or Brockhampton: Durham or Herefordshire v Gloucestershire or Suffolk
Old Trafford or Lakenham: Lancashire or *Norfolk v Worcestershire or Cumberland*
Leicester or Southampton: Leicestershire or Hampshire v Glamorgan or Dorset
Trent Bridge or Forfar (Strathmore CC): Nottinghamshire or Scotland v Northamptonshire or Holland
The Oval or Reading: Surrey or Berkshire v Cornwall or Middlesex
Hove or Torquay: Sussex or Devon v Cambridgeshire or Derbyshire
Edgbaston or Taunton: Warwickshire or Somerset v Staffordshire or Kent
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Reading: Minor Counties v Australia A
13-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Reading: Minor Counties v West Indians
15-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
LORD'S: FINAL
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Dublin (Castle Avenue): Ireland v West Indians
16-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Hampshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
The Oval: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
18-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Headingley: Yorkshire v Australia A
19-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Canterbury: Kent v West Indians
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Australia A
20-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southend: Essex v Somerset
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v *Hampshire*
Guildford: Surrey v Nottinghamshire
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire
Harrogate: Yorkshire v Durham
UNDER-19 MATCH (four days)
Taunton (provisional): England v South Africa
22-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Lord's: Middlesex v West Indians
TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Worcester: Worcestershire v Australia A
23-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Southend: Essex v Somerset
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v *Lancashire*
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
Guildford: Surrey v Nottinghamshire
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Durham
26-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Australia A
27-FOURTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Kent
28-TOUR MATCH (four days)
*Southampton: Hampshire v Australia A
30-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Cleethorpes: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Kent

West Indies take top billing

BY MARCUS WILLIAMS

CRICKET followers' immediate attention is focused on the Test series that starts in Brisbane on Friday, but the fixtures for 1995, released in full for the first time yesterday, provide an early opportunity for summer planning. West Indies will provide England with formidable opposition and for the first time will play six Test matches; only Australia have done so in England previously. There are also three one-day internationals at the end of May.

In July and August England will host a second touring side, Australia A, who will soon be confronting England and their own full national side in the quadrangular one-day series down under. They will be the first incoming A side to this country.

The county programme next year shows one fundamental change from 1994: the Benson and Hedges Cup *reverts to a group format in its initial* stages after a two-year experiment as a straight knockout competition. The top two sides in each group will qualify for the quarter-finals. Counties were concerned at the loss of revenue brought about by defeat in the first round.

The groupings are: group A: Durham, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Minor Counties, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire; group B: Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Scotland, Worcestershire, Yorkshire; group C: Combined Universities, Essex, Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Middlesex; group D: Ireland, Kent, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex.

There are several innovations: Durham inaugurate their new home ground at Chester-le-Street against Warwickshire on May 18; the NatWest Trophy *assumes a European flavour, with Holland taking* part for the first time; some Britannic Assurance championship games staged away from county headquarters will start on Wednesday rather than Thursday to increase revenue from local festivals; and *Oxford and Cambridge will meet in a competitive* one-day match for the first time, at Fenner's, in addition to the three-day game at Lord's.

August

1-NATWEST TROPHY
Quarter-finals
3-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Lytham: Lancashire v Sussex
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Durham
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
TOUR MATCH (four days)
*Leicester: Leicestershire v Australia A
UNDER-19 MATCH (four days)
Worcester: England v South Africa
5-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Bristol: Gloucestershire v West Indians
6-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Colchester: Essex v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Durham
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
8-TOUR MATCH (one day)
The Oval: Surrey v Australia A
10-FIFTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Middlesex
Swansea: Glamorgan v Essex
Southampton: Hampshire v Warwickshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire
Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
UNDER-19 MATCH (four days)
*Headingley: England v South Africa
11-TOUR MATCH (four days)
*Hove: Sussex v Australia A
12-INTERNATIONAL MATCH (three days)
*Dublin (Rathmines): Ireland v Scotland
13-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Middlesex
Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Essex
Southampton: Hampshire v Warwickshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
15-NATWEST TROPHY
Semi-finals
17-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Worcestershire
TOUR MATCH (four days)
*Edgbaston: TCCB XI v Australia A
19-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Chelmsford: Essex v West Indians
20-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Worcestershire
23-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
24-SIXTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*THE OVAL: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Surrey
Hartlepool: Durham v Sussex
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Essex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Leicestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex
27-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Surrey
Hartlepool: Durham v Sussex
Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Essex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex
29-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset
30-TOUR MATCH (three days)
Scarborough: Yorkshire v West Indians

September

2-NATWEST TROPHY
LORD'S: FINAL
OTHER MATCH (one day)
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Durham
3-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset
FESTIVAL MATCH (one day)
Scarborough: President's XI v West Indians
6-OTHER MATCH (three days)
The Oval: Surrey v New South Wales
7-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Durham
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Sussex
10-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Durham
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Sussex
OTHER MATCH (one day)
The Oval: Surrey v New South Wales
14-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Nottinghamshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire
Canterbury: Kent v Warwickshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
17-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Nottinghamshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire
Canterbury: Kent v Warwickshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
* match includes Sunday play

Other matches at Lord's

May 8: MCC v MCC Young Cricketers
June 7-8: MCC v Ireland
June 27: Eton v Harrow
July 18: MCC v MCC Schools
July 19: MCC Schools v NAYC
July 20: NCA YC v Combined Services
Aug 8-10: MCC v Wales
Aug 23: MCC Trophy (Minor Counties knockout) final
Aug 25: Abbot Ale club championship final
Aug 27: Alliance & Leicester Sirs Village championship final
Sep 5: MCC v Minor Counties CA (centenary match)

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Irish jockey looking for One Man show at Newbury

obbin takes illustrious path

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ME GOLD (Stratford)
Garrylough (Huntingdon)

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tender years, it rong to pigeon- the youngest of as a child prodi- bout of restless- so easily have from the sport. l with next to no ts, he misguided- or a job at the stables of Neville only to return home four days later, home-sick, depressed and thoroughly disillusioned.

"Soon after that, Jonjo O'Neill came to Punchestown on a promotional trip," Dobbin recalled. "A friend of mine just tapped him on the shoulder and told him about me. Luckily Jonjo agreed to take me on a month's trial. I was with him for five years. The difference was that I knew someone who was already working in the yard." That was John Burke, a fellow native of Co Down, who now rides for Sue Bramall.

Hard though it is to believe now, Dobbin left O'Neill's yard in Penrith because he was fast exhausting his apprentice's claim. Having assessed the implications, he felt unable to establish himself within a stable long on riding talent. So he switched his allegiance to the smaller stable of Maurice Barnes, where rides were assured.

Throughout this apprenticeship, Richards was a silent admirer. Dobbin rode for the trainer just once last season, but his effort in guiding The Demon Barber to victory at Haydock was all the evidence Richards needed. "I've been watching him for a couple of years," said Richards, whose reputation as a hard taskmaster is fully warranted.

"The kid's grown up now. It's not just his style of riding but the way he uses his head. And he has a lovely attitude to life. He's not cheeky or big-headed; he won't think he's done it all in two years' time. He's still getting the hang of riding the bigger chasers. He's young, of course. Many people wondered what I was doing when I gave him the job but I'm not hearing the same thing from them now."

That Dobbin is keen to keep himself in check is patently obvious. He does not display unbridled ambition; is not possessed of extreme bravado; expresses no great desire to win the coveted jockeys' championship. Instead, he talks of extending the learning curve; keeping his head down; staying out of trouble.

Doubtless he harbours silent aspirations, yet he remains essentially a youth with a healthy respect for his peers. Of Dunwoody, he says: "He has always been an idol of mine. There are an awful lot of great jockeys around but if I can be half as good as him, I'll be doing all right."

It is inevitable Dobbin will one day shed this awe of his contemporaries. It may happen sooner than he realises: One Man may see to that. Victory in the Hennessy would propel the grey horse and his jockey towards the Gold Cup itself, in which Burke, his childhood friend, should be aboard Antonin. It is a scenario Dobbin never dared envisage when, ten years ago, he and Burke would race their ponies round the rough and ready-made circuits of Northern Ireland.

MARTIN GILFEATHER



Tony Dobbin and One Man on their way to a comfortable success at Ayr

ogent shares top weight as 18 stay in Hennessy

re 18 horses left in Satur- ssy Cognac Gold Cup at ive-day declaration stage. winner and third, Cogent Humour, now share top st 10lb, the weights having

lover, Cogent's trainer, is r a possible replacement year's winner. "Dan Fortt, who rode him last season, broke his collarbone about a week ago and may not be fit in time," he said. "If he is ruled out, then I would have to talk with the owners about a suitable replacement. With the weights going up, I would be looking for a claimer."

Andy Turnell, who trained Cogent last season and won the race as a jockey on April Seventh in 1975, has a chance of adding to his fine Hennessy record with Country Member, who was yesterday backed down to 8-1 from 10-1 with Ladbrokes, in spite of missing his intended prep race when Worcester was waterlogged on November 9. Ladbrokes now bet: 3-1 One Man, 7-2 Dubacilla, 7-1 Captain Dibble, 8-1 Country Member, 9-1 Black Humour, 14-1 Martomick, Sibton Abbey, 16-1 Cogent, Chatam, Deep Bramble, Lord Relic, 20-1 Commercial Artist, Givus A Buck, Tipping Tim, 25-1 others.

BIG-RACE ACCEPTORS: Black Humour (11st 10lb), Cogent (11-10), Chatam (11-9), Dubacilla (11-9), Deep Bramble (11-8), Tipping Tim (11-1), Topsham Bay (11-0), Givus A Buck (10-13), Country Member (10-12), Commercial Artist (10-11), Captain Dibble (10-10), Martomick (10-10), Sibton Abbey (10-10), Fighting Words (10-10), Lord Relic (10-7), Capability Brown (10-5), One Man (10-0) and Fung's Curate (10-0)

STRATFORD

THUNDERER
1.20 Lyme Gold. 1.50 Coulton. 2.20 STOPROVERITATE (nap). 2.50 The Bud Club. 3.20 Padaventure. 3.50 Star Manager.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 CARLINGFORD LIGHTS.

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1.20 WHICHFORD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,108: 2m 6f 110yd) (13 runners)
101 5-1 CELTINO 25 (C,G) T Forster 6-11-4 N Williamson 92
102 0-20 BOBBIE MO 19 J White 4-10-12 J Railton –
103 PP-0 DUNNICKS WELL 19 F Tucker 5-10-12 Miss S Vickery –
104 HANSON STREET Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-12 A Tory –
105 0P-5 HURRICANE HAWKS 17 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 D Bridgwater –
106 00-0 JASON'S BOY 24 J Bradley 4-10-12 G Tormey (7) –
107 23-3 KING LUCIFER 21 (BF) D Nicholson 5-10-12 A Maguire
108 4-3 LUCIMAN 15 Mrs M Reveley 4-10-12 P Niven –
109 40-2 LYME GOLD 12 D Sherwood 5-10-12 J Osborne 96
110 SONIC STAR M Hezton-Ellis 5-10-12 D Gallagher –
111 0' STEY SUNY 770 R Dickin 7-10-12 R Bellamy –
112 0- HYDEMILLA 206 Mrs T Pilkington 4-10-7 G Hogan –
113 63- SPRING GRASS 403 B Ryall 5-10-7 Guy Lewis (5) –
3-1 Lyme Gold, 7-2 King Lucifer, 4-1 Celtino, 6-1 Luciman, 7-1 others.

1.50 COPTHORNE HOTEL, MERRY HILL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,760: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)
201 F3P- COULTON 227 (F,G,S) D Sherwood 7-12-0 J Osborne 93
202 2243 DRUMSTICK 15 (CD,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-9 N Williamson
203 334- ITS NEARLY TIME 237 (CD,G,S) Mrs R Brackenbury 11-11-6 Miss J Brackenbury (7) 95
204 F-53 RODEO STAR 10 (F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-11-4 N Doughty 87
205 111- MR WOODCOCK 297 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-0 P Niven 90
206 1216 ALAN BALL 31 (D,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-10-12 — 96
5-4 Mr Woodcock, 11-4 Coulton, 4-1 Drumstick, 9-2 Rodeo Star, 7-1 Its Nearly Time, 5-1 Alan Ball.

2.20 WARRNAMBOOL TROPHY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,635: 2m 110yd) (7)
301 5P-6 ROVULENKA 8 (D,S) M Pipe 6-12-0 L Reynolds (5) –
302 13S- GOLDINGO 214 (CD,S) G Price 7-11-12 Guy Lewis 89
303 2P-F SCHWEPPES TONIC 28 (D,G,S) D Burchell 8-11-9 J Prior (5) 88
304 5F23 SOUTHAMPTON 11 (V,CD,F,G,S) G Balding 4-11-6 A P McCoy 95
305 4-11 STOPROVERITATE 11 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-5 G Lee 96
306 -015 DOOLAR 30 (B,BF,CD,F,G,S) P Dalton 7-11-5 J Supple
307 1-F4 HECTOR MARIO 7 (F) J Edwards 6-10-11 R Davis 98
3-1 Stoproveritate, 3-1 Southampton, 6-1 Doolar, 7-1 Goldingo, Hector Mario, 8-1 Rovulenka, 10-1 Schweppes Tonic.

2.50 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,631: 3m) (7)
401 F2-F CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 19 D O'Neill 6-10-12 G Bradley
402 /4-F CYPRUS 20 (F,G) Mrs J Coyle 6-10-12 S Curran (5) –
403 1P-4 DESPERATE 28 (BF,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12 D Bridgwater –
404 0 GOLDEN EYE 21 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-10-12 A Tory –
405 4324 NICK THE DREAMER 14 (BF,F,G,S) W Turner 9-10-12 P Holley 86
406 33-2 THE BUD CLUB 11 (G) K Bailey 6-10-12 J Osborne 91
407 425- WELSH LUSTRE 193 (S) D Nicholson 5-10-5 A Maguire –
5-2 The Bud Club, 7-2 Desperate, 4-1 Carlingford Lights, Welsh Lustre, 5-1 Nick The Dreamer, 12-1 Cyprus, 16-1 Golden Eye

3.20 STOURTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,779: 3m 4f) (4)
501 11-2 PADAVENTURE 7 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-7 P Niven 96
502 2-11 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 17 (CD,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-5 N Williamson
503 -111 PETTY BRIDGE 45 (F,G,S) A James 10-10-0 A Maguire 97
504 11/ K C'S DANCER 540 (F,S) R Dickin 9-10-0 B Powell –
11-8 Unholy Alliance, 7-4 Padaventure, 3-1 Petty Bridge, 8-1 K C's Dancer

3.50 PETER TAYLOR NOVICES HURDLE (£2,164: 2m) (16)
601 20-0 BUNGEE JUMPER 24 T Forster 10-10 J Osborne –
602 0-00 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 12 Mrs J Mayes 10-10 J Lodder –
603 6- COBBS CROSS 150F T Caldwell 10-10 Pat Caldwell –
604 3- FOXBOW 255 D Nicholson 10-10 A Maguire –
605 23-0 FREDDIE MUCK 54 N Twiston-Davies 10-10 D Bridgwater 84
606 HARRY 157F D Burchell 10-10 D J Burchell –
607 P OUR FIVE KIDS 38 C Brooks 10-10 G Bradley –
608 PIRATES GOLD 23F J White 10-10 J Railton –
609 0 PISTOL RIVER 10 N Waller 10-10 B Powell
610 RARE OCCURANCE 475F R Dickin 10-10 R Bellamy –
611 SILVER GROOM 33F R Akehurst 10-10 S Ryan (7) –
612 STAR MANAGER 38F P Cole 10-10 N Williamson –
613 635- B MY LOVELY 171 D O'Neill 10-5 V Slattery –
614 400 BONNABEBIG 11 G Balding 10-5 A P McCoy (5) –
615 P- GREENHILL WONDER 325 J Sodley 10-5 M Bosley –
616 00- SHE KNEW THE RULES 354 D Carey 10-5 W McFarland –
3-1 Silver Groom, 5-1 Star Manager, 6-1 Foxbow, 7-1 Freddie Muck, 8-1 Pirates Gold, 10-1 B My Lovely, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Sherwood, 4 winners from 16 runners, 25.0%; M Pipe, 21 from 92, 22.8%; T Forster, 13 from 58, 22.4%; C Brooks, 3 from 14, 21.4%; K Bailey, 10 from 55, 18.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 4 from 23, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 9 winners from 28 rides, 32.1%; A Maguire, 20 from 89, 22.5%; J Osborne, 9 from 49, 18.4%; P Niven, 3 from 19, 15.8%; G Bradley, 4 from 27, 14.8%; N Williamson, 11 from 84, 13.1%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
12.10 Sea Devil. 12.40 La Belle Dominique. 1.10 Shabanaz. 1.40 What's The Verdict. 2.10 Nellie's Gamble. 2.40 Flamboro. 3.10 Ansellady. 3.40 Absalom's Pillar.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Mazilla. 3.40 DEERLET (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.10 BLUEBELL CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,363: 6f) (16 runners)
1 -000 HIGH DOMAIN 38 (G,S) M McCormack 3-9-3 R Painter (5) 14
2 6156 SEA DEVIL 201 (CD,F,G,S) M Camacho 8-8-12 J Stack (5) 12
3 1601 FRISKY MISS 50 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-8-8 P Roberts (7) 16
4 5043 LANGTONIAN 6 (V,D,G) J Eyre 5-8-8 N Carlisle 6
5 -042 SENSE OF PRIORITY 38 (CD,F,G) M H Easterby 5-8-8 W Woods 4
6 0210 TYRIAN PURPLE 19 (B,C,F,G,S) T Naughton 6-8-8 V Halliday (7) 2
7 0060 WALK THE BEAT 35 (D,F,S) R Simpson 4-8-8 S Drowne (5) 8
8 0-01 GRANDEE 57 (CD,G) B McMahon 3-8-7 S Sanders (5) 1
9 0350 SHADOW JURY 111 (F,G,S) D Chapman 4-8-7 T Ives 15
10 0060 GREY TOPPA 5 (F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-6 M Wigham 9
11 1005 VANESSA ROSE 32 (B,G) A Bailey 3-8-6 D Wright (5) 13
12 0500 DANGEROUS SHADOW 28 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-4 D R McCabe (5) 7
13 6405 MATTHEW DAVID 64 (CD,G) S Bowring 4-8-4 S D Williams 5
14 0510 NAKITA 36 (D,F,S) C Allen 3-8-4 M Baird (7) 11
15 6230 GALAXY EXPRESS 11 (F,G) G Eden 6-8-2 J Quinn 10
16 0000 GWERNYMYNYDD 32 (C,G) S Norton 3-8-0 D Denby (7) 3
6-1 Grandee, 7-1 Sense Of Priority, 8-1 Sea Devil, Vanessa Rose, Frisky Miss, 10-1 Tyrian Purple, 12-1 Grey Toppa, 14-1 others.

12.40 ORCHID MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,716: 5f) (14)
1 000 MR SLICK 27 N Callaghan 8-10 T Ives 11
2 3040 RISKY ROYAL 27 T Naughton 8-10 V Halliday (7) 9
3 004 COLSTON-C 157 C Hill 8-7 J Quinn 13
4 00 KUNG FRODE 57 B McMahon 8-7 S Sanders (5) 5
5 3202 ALWAYS GRACE 6 (BF) Miss G Kelleway 8-5 T Williams 10
6 4002 DAS ISLAND 19 (E) J Jenkins 8-4 C Rutter 6
7 0560 FIRST POINT 54 C Allen 8-4 G Bardwell 4
8 0 KEEPER'S GREY 18 R Guest 8-4 D Harrison 14
9 000 JESSICA'S SECRET 28 A Bailey 8-2 D Wright (5) 3
10 3533 LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 15 S Knight 8-2 D R McCabe (5) 2
11 00 PENNY'S WISHING 17 J Leigh 8-2 D Biggs 7
12 4 TAPPING FEET 6 M Prescott 8-2 G Duffield 12
13 4000 NEVER SAY SO 19 C Smith 7-13 M Baird (7) 1
14 0002 PATS DELIGHT 18 S Coathup 7-13 N Varley (5) 8
7-2 Tapping Feet, 4-1 La Belle Dominique, 5-1 Always Grace, 7-1 Das Island, 8-1 Mr Slick, 10-1 Keeper's Grey, Never Say So, 12-1 others.

1.10 DAISY SELLING STAKES (£2,155: 1m 3f) (14)
1 1113 BOLD PURSUIT 10J (C,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-7 T Ives 4
2 4133 SHABANAZ 13 (BF,G,S) W Muir 9-9-7 Stephen Davies 14
3 1205 ATLANTIC WAY 6 (C,BF,F,G) C Hill 6-9-2 J Quinn 2
4 2003 DAWN ROCK 6 (B,CD,G) P Kelleway 3-9-2 M Wigham 5
5 2406 GOODBYE MILLIE 38 (C,F,G,S) S Norton 4-9-2 T Williams 6
6 0134 GREEK GOLD 31 (CD,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-2 D Harrison 1
7 0000 KOMPLICITY 11 (G) Bob Jones 3-9-2 Dale Gibson 7
8 1000 SWYNFORD FLYER 11J (C,D,F,G) J A Harris 5-9-2 S D Williams 8
9 6505 VENTURE FOURTH 42 E Alston 5-9-2 J Stack (5) 13
10 6000 ANN HILL 11 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-11 D Denby (7) 10
11 0004 BROCTUNE GOLD 6 (S) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-11 W Woods 3
12 -000 MOLLIN B J L Harris 4-8-11 A Mackay 11
13 0000 LITTLE MINER 11 B Palling 3-8-6 Wendy Jones (7) 12
14 3000 TAUFELIANE 29 (B) J L Harris 3-8-6 S Drowne (5) 9
7-2 Shabanaz, 4-1 Broctune Gold, 9-2 Greek Gold, 5-1 Bold Pursuit, 10-1 Atlantic Way, 12-1 Dawn Rock, 14-1 others.

1.40 BUTTERCUP MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,892: 1m) (16)
1 0004 CHADLEIGH WALK 11 R Hollinshead 9-0 T Ives 16
2 DRAMA KING S Bowring 9-0 C Teague (7) 5
3 0000 FOOLS MILLYONS 69 W Bentley 9-0 D Harrison 2
4 3 FROME LAD 13 W G M Turner 9-0 J D Smith (5) 13
5 0332 KOMREYEV DANCER 10 (BF) A Bailey 9-0 D Wright (5) 6
6 00 LORD ADRIANI 15 M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter 15
7 6 OCEAN HAWK 18 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 1
8 00 SIMPLY SIMON 88 K Burke 9-0 Stephen Davies 7
9 TORREY PINES D Haydn Jones 9-0 A Mackay 8
10 644 WHAT'S THE VERDICT 28 M Johnston 9-0 T Williams 12
11 DAISY MADAM M H Easterby 8-9 A Clark 11
12 FRAMLEY GARTH M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 4
13 5506 INSTANT SUCCESS 19 W O'Gorman 8-9 Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
14 06 JALMAID 18 B McMahon 8-9 S Sanders (5) 14
15 LEGALLY DELICIOUS J Banks 8-9 J Quinn 10
16 0005 SOMETHING SPEEDY 24 P Bevan 8-9 N Carlisle 9
3-1 Komreyev Dancer, 7-2 What's The Verdict, 4-1 Frome Lad, 8-1 Ocean Hawk, 10-1 Framley Garth, 12-1 Chadleigh Walk, 14-1 others.

2.10 TULIP HANDICAP (£2,918: 7f) (16)
1 6301 WENTBRIDGE LAD 10 (B,D,G,S) B McMahon 4-10-0 S Sanders (5) 10
2 20-0 I FEAR NOTHING 228 (BF) S Williams 3-10-0 P McCabe (5) 15
3 0115 AFRICAN CHIMES 10 (CD,BF,F,G) W O'Gorman 7-9-8 Emma O'Gorman (3) 1
4 1-60 FAEZ 221 (D,S) P Felgate 4-9-7 T Ives 9
5 1120 JUST HARRY 10 (C,D,F,G) M Ryan 3-9-7 D Biggs 13
6 1605 DREAM CARRIER 6 (CD,F,G) T Barron 6-9-4 Kimberley Hart (7) 4
7 5023 MILOS 13 (C,D,F,G) T Naughton 3-9-3 G Duffield 16
8 2405 NO SUBMISSION 6 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 8-9-2 J Quinn 14
9 0000 MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 19 (C,D,F,G) W Cunningham 4-9-2 A Clark 3
10 6000 KID ORY 10 (G) P Calver 3-8-13 Dale Gibson 8
11 0050 IT'S SO EASY 24 (D,G,S) M Johnston 3-8-11 T Williams 7
12 5062 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 6 (CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 4-8-10 D Wright (5) 5
13 0000 OBSIDIAN GREY 13 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 7-8-6 D Harrison 2
14 5306 BOGART 6 C Fairhurst 3-8-5 J Stack (5) 6
15 4000 MATISSE 43 J Bethell 3-8-2 Stephen Davies 12
16 0080 SCOTTISH PARK 6 (B,C,D,F,G,S) R Emery 5-8-1 Darren Moffatt (5) 11
7-2 African Chimes, 5-1 Wentbridge Lad, 6-1 Dream Carrier, 10-1 Nellie's Gamble, Just Harry, 14-1 No Submission, Milos, 16-1 others.

2.40 DAFFODIL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,866: 7f) (16)
1 0511 MISTER FIRE EYES 8 (CD,G,S) C Brittain 9-12 (7ex) B Doyle 6
2 4231 CHADLEIGH LANE 6 (C,G) R Hollinshead 9-10 (7ex) T Ives 10
3 1020 PLEASURE BEACH 40 (CD,G) W O'Gorman 9-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) 8
4 206 MASTER MILLFIELD 85 C Hill 9-5 J Quinn 11
5 0420 BELLESONNETTE 17 D Haydn Jones 9-5 S Drowne (5) 5
6 209 MAZILLA 15 W Haggas 9-2 W Woods 16
7 1500 CASPER'S RISK 38 (B,CD,G) D Nicholls 9-2 Alex Greaves 4
8 025 NIGEL'S LAD 10 P Haslam 9-1 T Williams 14
9 0062 HOWQUA RIVER 13 P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 B Havlin (7) 7
10 0203 FAHEMA 59 R Boss 8-11 Stephen Davies 12
11 5000 OUR TOM 32 J Wharton 8-11 A Clark 1
12 5000 MISS IRON HEART 19 D Cosgrove 8-10 M Wigham 2
13 0005 QUALITAIR RIDGE 6 J Bottomley 8-9 N Kennedy 9
14 0201 FLAMBORO 21 (D,G,S) J Bethell 8-8 D Harrison 13
15 060 BOLDEN FISH 24 J Eyre 8-7 D Wright (5) 3
16 0000 BROWNLOWS 47 M Brittain 8-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 15
7-1 Mister Fire Eyes, 8-1 Chadleigh Lane, Howqua River, Mazilla, 10-1 Flamboro, Fahema, Nigel's Lad, 12-1 others

3.10 BLUEBELL CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,363: 6f) (16)
1 450- ADWICK PARK 502 (D,F,G) M Camacho 6-9-4 J Stack (5) 3
2 5400 FEATHERSTONE LANE 38 (V,F) Miss L Siddall 3-8-13 D Harrison 1
3 6005 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 11 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholls 6-8-12 Alex Greaves 12
4 0153 BERGE 6 (B,CD,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-11 T Ives 5
5 6646 FOUR OF SPADES 11 (B,D,G) W Cunningham 3-8-9 A Clark 14
6 0013 WATHEEQAH 55 (B,F) M Brittain 3-8-9 G Bardwell 8
7 05-0 GREY ANCONA 36 E Alston 5-8-8 J Quinn 6
8 0000 ALPINE JOHNNY 11 (C,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-7 A Garth (5) 4
9 0060 SO RHYTHMICAL 10 (D,F,G,S) G Eden 10-8-6 A Mackay 10
10 0040 STEEL SOVEREIGN 14J (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-5 D R McCabe (5) 11
11 0100 ANSELLADY 29 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-8-4 P Fessey (7) 13
12 5000 BRADWELL 36 (F) M Tompkins 3-8-4 S Mulvey (5) 16
13 6-00 DRUMMER'S DREAM 10 (C,G) T Bill 6-8-4 S Sanders (5) 9
14 3231 WHITE LADY 70 (F) R Emery 3-8-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 7
15 1560 DAUNTLESS FORT 216 (CD,G) B Murray 3-7-13 Stephen Davies 2
16 0540 SWINGING TICH 32 (CD,G) B McMahon 5-7-13 T Williams 15
5-1 White Lady, 6-1 Berge, Bradwell, Watheeqah, 7-1 Four Of Spades, 10-1 So Rhythmical, 12-1 Adwick Park, 14-1 others.

3.40 IRIS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,601: 1m 6f) (17)
1 6224 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 143 (CD,G,S) J Hetherton 4-12-0 Miss A Elsey (3) 12
2 5421 SLEEPTITE 12J (G) W G M Turner 4-11-11 Mrs C Price (7) 8
3 0000 BIRTHPLACE 15 (G,S) J A Harris 4-11-10 J Apiafi (7) 10
4 161- MULLED ALE 12J (F,S) S Sherwood 4-11-9 Miss S Mitchell 7
5 4300 SWORDKING 10 (D,G,S) J L Harris 5-11-9 I McLelland (3) 3
6 1105 MODEST HOPE 38 (C,BF,F,G) B Richmond 7-11-8 Miss Diana Jones 14
7 0433 DEERLET 25 (V) J Gosden 3-11-8 J Durkan 6
8 0000 TEMPERING 22 (C,F,G) D Chapman 8-11-8 Miss R Clark (3) 17
9 3400 AUGUSTAN 81 (F) J A Harris 3-11-8 D Parker 4
10 2550 TREMENDISTO 10 J Wilson 4-11-4 Mrs G Rees 11
11 0210 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 19 (V,C,D,G) J Wharton 4-11-1 S Walker (7) 16
12 4020 TELEPHUS 11 (F) B McMath 5-11-1 Miss P Jones 2
13 /04- HELIOPSIS 349J (D,G,S) M Hammond 6-10-12 C Bonner 13
14 4056 GOLDEN STAR 38 M W Easterby 3-10-11 S Swiers 1
15 3-00 IRON BARON 33 (C,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-11 Miss A Deniel (3) 15
16 00-2 SMOCKING 304 J Pearce 4-10-9 Mrs L Pearce 9
17 0/0- LEGAL WIN 35J (F) A Foster 6-10-8 G Shenkin (3) 5
4-1 Deerlet, 5-1 Sleeptite, 7-1 Absalom's Pillar, 8-1 Mulled Ale, 12-1 Smocking, Modest Hope, 14-1 Blowedifiknow, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 9 winners from 27 runners, 33.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 12 from 49, 24.5%; S Norton, 34 from 171, 19.9%; T Barron, 63 from 319, 19.7%; W O'Gorman, 44 from 225, 19.5%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 57 winners from 272 rides, 21.0%; D Biggs, 33 from 197, 16.8%; G Duffield, 44 from 271, 16.2%; D Harrison, 17 from 105, 16.2%; C Nutter, 5 from 31, 16.1%; Emma O'Gorman, 35 from 224, 15.6%.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 1.10 Taufeliane. 2.10 Scottish Park.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
r 2.30 Martha's Son
hams Ford 3.00 Nagobelia
ood 3.30 Mander's Way
ket Correspondent: 3.00 Mizyan.

(GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

GHTON SELLING HURDLE (£1,918: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)
SIDE BAR 3 (G) (M Baxter) M Ryan 4-12-3 J Ryan
CALL THE KING 20 (K Clutterbuck) K Clutterbuck 5-11-7 D Walsh (5) –
COUP DE VENT 18 (Mrs V Ward) Mrs V Ward 4-11-7 A Thornton –
ALBEIT 11 (Mrs R Evans) R Evans 4-11-2 Mr R Johnson (7) –
MEXICAN DANCER 11 (M Pocock) P Howling 5-11-2 D O'Sullivan 90
DURHAM 18 (G) (The Poste Club) N Tinkler 3-11-0 M Dwyer 97
AYLESFORD 42F (Gallagher Materials Ltd) N Callaghan 3-10-9 R Campbell –
JOHN TUFTY 42F (G Tufts) J Pearce 3-10-9 J McLaughlin –
BERNIE'S SISTER 8 (J Lewis) C Allen 3-10-4 T Jenks (3) 82
HOMEBEFOREMIDNIGHT (Miss S Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 3-10-4 S Wynne (3) –
SWEET CAROLINE 11F (Mrs C Gaignard) Pat Mitchell 3-10-4 M Mann 87
WAR O' THE ROSES 6 (J Todd) J Akehurst 3-10-4 R Dunwoody 88
ar, 11-4 Side Bar, 4-1 Aylesford, 10-1 Sweet Caroline, Mexican Dancer, 12-1 War O' The 's Sister, 20-1 others.
1993: TAX THE DEVIL 5-11-7 A Dicken (4-1) S Dow 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ce's Mirror 4l in 8-runner selling t Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, KING 47l 7th of 8 to Va Lute in g hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, le start. MEXICAN DANCER 13l ssham in selling novice hurdle at n 1f, soft) on penultimate start. ame Prospect 2½l in 15-runner selling hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). BERNIE'S SISTER 21l 8th of 12 to Petite Bijou in selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). SWEET CAROLINE 17½l 5th of 8 to Arttar in novice hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good). WAR O'THE ROSES 13½l 4th of 10 to Casual Water in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good). Selection: SIDE-BAR

CK RAMPLY MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE
4f 110yd) (6 runners)
CUNNINGHAMS FORD 11 (F,S) (E Harvey) D Sherwood 6-11-5 Mr A Harvey
PASHTO 580 (S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 7-11-5 R Dunwoody –
UNDER SUSPICION (Mrs D Hyman) K Bailey 6-11-5 F Leahy (5) –
YEOMAN WARRIOR 579 (Mrs H Alwent) R Rowe 7-11-5 M Dwyer –
HOLD YOUR HAT ON 14 (B) (B Pocock) C Thornton 8-11-4 Richard Guest –
MISS CAPULET 12 (B,G,S) (C P Racing) T Donnelly 7-11-0 T Eley –
1tb, 5-2 Cunninghams Ford, 7-2 Yeoman Warrior, 9-2 Under Suspicion, 12-1 others.
1993: UNHOLY ALLIANCE 6-11-5 N Williamson (7-4 fav) K Bailey 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FORD 24l 3rd of 8 to Dundee chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, n penultimate start. th of 12 to Metal Oiseau in handi- heltenham (3m 110yd, good) in in novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm) in April 1993. HOLD YOUR HAT ON distant 4th of 8 to Bodlas in novice chase at Southwell (2m, good). MISS CAPULET 6¼l 6th of 21 to Sassoon on last completed outing in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (3m 110yd, soft). Selection: CUNNINGHAMS FORD
OOR 3½l 4th of 12 to Paddyway

HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES
ualifier: £2,443: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners)
1 FLAMEWOOD 18 (G) (Mrs S Thomson Jones) Mrs D Haine 5-11-5 J F Titley 98
ALLIED'S TEAM 374 (J Joseph) J Joseph 7-10-12 D Skyrme –
BREAD OF HEAVEN 248 (Mrs R Evans) J Webber 5-10-12 G McCourt –
CORN BOW 30 (J Clegg) J Chugg 5-10-12 W Humphreys –
DARK NIGHTINGALE 27 (Miss L Clark) D Sherwood 4-10-12 M Richards –
DROICHEAD DHAMHLE 24 (BF) (G Ward) D Nicholson 5-10-12 W Marston –
EXCLUSIVE EDITION 21 (G) (V McCalla) Miss H Knight 4-10-12 R Dunwoody 73
FLEMINGS DELIGHT 34 (Mrs G Jessop) A Jessop 4-10-12 M A Fitzgerald –
GARRYLOUGH 21 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 5-10-12 M Dwyer
MEANUS MILLER 14 (Miss G Donovan) R Rowe 6-10-12 T Grantham 75
NIKARDO 11 (Mrs C Janaway) J King 8-10-12 S Fox (5) –
PLEASURE IT IS 24 (Mrs P White) J White 5-10-12 F Leahy (5) –
TAMERGALE 17 (Mrs R Vaughan) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 T Jenks (3) –
rylough, 7-2 Flamewood, 9-2 Dark Nightingale, 5-1 Tamergale, 10-1 Pleasure It Is, 12-1 others
3 CARLINGFORD LAKES 5-10-12 S Smith Eccles (12-1) T Thomson Jones 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

beat Dark Silhouette 1¾l in 14- hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 3f DARK NIGHTINGALE about 3¼l 5th ess in National Hunt Flat race at n 110yd, good to firm). EXCLUSIVE 5th of 15 to Encore Un Peu in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good). GARRYLOUGH 2½l 2nd of 14 to Lythamastic in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good). TAMERGALE 5l 3rd of 20 to Wadfield Lad in National Hunt Flat race at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). Selection: FLAMEWOOD (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

2.30 PETERBOROUGH CHASE
(Grade II: £15,400: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)
1 2331-31 DEEP SENSATION 11 (D,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 9-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 15F-133 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 10 (D,F,G,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-1 W Marston 91
3 211(1-1 MARTHA'S SON 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Hartigan) T Forster 7-11-1 R Farrant 79
4 134-F4P SOUTHOLT 10 (C,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-11-1 P Verling 84
BETTING: 10-11 Deep Sensation, 5-2 Egypt Mill Prince, 3-1 Martha's Son, 7-1 Southolt
1993: TRAVADO 7-11-9 J Osborne (8-13 fav) N Henderson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEEP SENSATION beat Wonder Man ½l in 3-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m, good). EGYPT MILL PRINCE 15l 3rd of 14 to Bradbury Star in grade III Mackeson Gold Cup handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) with SOUTHOLT (6lb worse off) pulled up. MARTHA'S SON completed a five-timer when beating Clay County 8l in 4-runner handicap chase at Haydock (2m, good). SOUTHOLT previously 33½l 4th of 6 to Crystal Spirit in 6-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to firm). Selection: DEEP SENSATION

3.00 STRUTT & PARKER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,154: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)
1 83P14P- ATLAAL 255 (D,F,G,S) (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 9-12-0 E Husband (5) –
2 322F0P- MIZYAN 229 (D,G) (J Blanchi) J Banks 6-11-11 S Keightley 87
3 3124/4-R PRINCE TINO 7 (D,F) (J L Racing 2) N Gaselee 6-10-8 M A Fitzgerald 88
4 42312/ RAWAAN 911 (D,F,G,S) (The Full Circle Racing Club) N Tinkler 7-10-7 M Dwyer –
5 052171- PINECONE PETER 232 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Burgess) O Brennan 7-10-7 M Brennan 93
6 6-11134 NAGOBELIA 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Rochford Racing Ltd) J Pearce 6-10-6 R Dunwoody
7 0P/PFF-6 NO LIGHT 26 (D,G,S) (Allordshire Ltd) Mrs I McKie 7-10-0 L Harvey –
8 P/55441- KINGSFOLD PET 166F (D,S) (G Nye) M Haynes 5-10-0 D Skyrme 93
9 451F0-3 KING ATHELSTAN 20 (D,G) (I Guise) K Morgan 6-10-0 A S Smith 91
Long handicap: No Light 9-12, Kingsfold Pet 9-9, King Athelstan 9-5.
BETTING: 9-2 Nagobelia, 5-1 Kingsfold Pet, Rawaan, 6-1 Mizyan, Prince Tino, 7-1 King Athelstan, 8-1 others.
1993: MANEREE 6-10-11 R Campbell (5-2 fav) N Callaghan 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MIZYAN 13l 7th of 11 to Atlaaldale in 11-runner handicap hurdle at Doncaster (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. PRINCE TINO 6¼l 4th of 6 to Saymore in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. RAWAAN ½l 2nd of 7 to Explosive Speed in claiming hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good to firm) on last start in May 92. PINECONE PETER beat Ruth's Gamble 7l in 9-runner selling handicap hurdle at Fakenham (2m 110yd, soft). NAGOBELIA 5l 4th of 14 to Whippers Delight in handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft). KINGSFOLD PET beat Le Baron Perche 15l in novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, soft). KING ATHELSTAN 8l 3rd of 9 to Saint Ciel in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). Selection: NAGOBELIA

3.30 BEDFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,997: 3m) (8 runners)
1 F125-P1 JUMBEAU 11 (C,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 9-12-0 P Hide (3) 96
2 3P-2543 DRAGONS DEN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (R Bassett) S Sherwood 8-11-7 M Richards 96
3 U53-U31 SCOLE 7 (G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-11-7 (7ex) P Verling 94
4 3145-P5 ARDCRONEY CHIEF 11 (C,G,S) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 8-11-5 M Dwyer 98
5 26P-261 MANDER'S WAY 10 (D,G,S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 9-11-2 G Upton 95
6 612P/PP MY SIKWAY 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Andrews) T Donnelly 11-10-7 T Eley (3) –
7 P/04F-00 THE FORTIES 26 (F,G) (Alan Marris AFM (Holdings) Ltd) T Bill 9-10-0 A Thornton –
8 533-404 MISS FERN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Phipps, Duane & Company) R Dickin 9-10-0 D Leahy (3)
Long handicap: The Forties 9-13, Miss Fern 9-12.
BETTING: 9-4 Jumbeau, 11-4 Scole, 3-1 Mander's Way, Dragons Den, 12-1 Ardcroney Chief, 20-1 others.
1993: JIMSTER 11-10-1 R Dunwoody (4-1) C Nash 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

JUMBEAU beat Philip's Woody a short-head in 8-runner handicap chase here (2m 4f 110yd, good) with ARDCRONEY CHIEF (9lb better off) 51l 5th. DRAGONS DEN 21¾l 3rd of 7 to Damier Blanc in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, soft). SCOLE beat Andermatt 25l in 3-runner handicap chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). MANDER'S WAY beat Uranus Collonges 2l in 5-runner handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, good to soft). MISS FERN distant 4th of 7 to Dorabo in conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, good). Selection: MANDER'S WAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
K Bailey	13	31	41.9	A Thornton	3	8	37.5
Mrs J Pitman	10	32	31.3	J Ryan	8	39	20.5
D Nicholson	18	59	30.5	R Dunwoody	21	120	17.5
D Gandolfo	7	29	24.1	W Marston	6	36	16.7
G Hubbard	4	17	23.5	G McCourt	9	55	16.4
J Pearce	5	22	22.7	A S Smith	6	39	15.4

Nakir in line for Sandown return

NAKIR, who missed his planned reappearance at Ascot last weekend, will now run at Sandown Park on December 3 or at Cheltenham the following weekend.

Last season's Arkle Chase winner was pulled out of the First National Bank Gold Cup Chase after failing a blood test, but his trainer, Simon Christian, yesterday reported the horse to be in fine fettle.

"He is cantering and his options are either the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown or a two mile handicap at Cheltenham the following weekend," he said yesterday.

"I don't really want to take on good horses at level weights in the Tingle Creek, but the options are limited and I want to get a run into him," he added.

Leading northern staying hurdler Avro Anson will reoppose his recent Wetherby conqueror, Halkopous, at Newbury on Saturday. He is one of eight entries for the £17,000 Akzo Nobel Long Distance Hurdle and trainer Maurice Camacho said at Catterick yesterday: "He will definitely run as long as the ground is not heavy. We won't run him from the front as we did at Wetherby. We wanted to do it once to give it a try."

"We had no excuses there because Halkopous is a good horse and we were giving him 7lb. But we will finish nearer to him at Newbury."

□ Roger Marley and Adie Smith were both banned from November 30 to December 1 by the stewards at Catterick Bridge yesterday. Marley was adjudged to have hit third-placed Griffins Bar "with unreasonable force" in the Leeds 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle, and Adie Smith used his whip "with unreasonable frequency" on Weather Alert in the Halifax Juvenile Novices' Hurdle at the same track.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Folkestone

Going: good

12.45 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, HOBBS (M Perrett, 11-4 fav); 2, Tickerty's Gift (M Richards, 3-1); 3, Ranzel (D Bridgwater, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Keel Row (pu), 7 Another Fiddle (5th), Hillsdown Boy (pu), 8 Desert Challenger, 20 Honey Vision (f), 25 Yellow Corn (4th), 33 Mill O'The Rags (6th), Red Whirlwind, 50 Breath Of Spring, Stratagem, World Of Tomorrow (pu), 66 Noble Risk, 100 Embley Park (pu), Grand Colonist, King's Gold (pu). 18 ran. 4l, 2½l, 1¼l, 10l, 12l. S Mellor at Swindon. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £2.10, £4.00. DF: £6.60. CSF: £11.66.

1.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, EDIMBOURG (J Osborne, Evens fav); 2, Ask The Governor (A P McCoy, 9-2); 3, The Whip (Peter Hobbs, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Young Alfie (pu), 8 Shaston (6th), 10 The Golfing Curate (4th), 16 Roskary (5th), Victory Anthem (ur). 8 ran. ¾l, 5l, 4l, 20l, sh hd. Miss H Knight at Wantage. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £6.70. CSF: £6.80. Tricast: £19.24.

1.45 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, INTERPLAY (D O'Sullivan, 9-2); 2, Brigtina (R Farrant, 20-1); 3, Emerald Sunset (A P McCoy, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Cheeky Fox (4th), 11-2 Moynsha House (6th), 15-2 Till Friday (pu), 8 Chaveley Dancer (pu), Cloghran Lad, Rowlandsons Gold (5th), 10 Flapping Freda, 11 Noble Insight, 12 Carlax, George Buckingham (pu), 16 Manila Run, 33 Celtic Lilley. 15 ran. NR: Devil's Valley. 1¾l, 8l, 4l, 5l, ½l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £5.40, £8.80. DF: £78.90. Trio: £389.50. CSF: £99.67. Tricast: £1,156.73.

2.15 (3m 2f ch) 1, VICAR OF BRAY (A Maguire, 5-1); 2, Over The Stream (N Williamson, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Cool And Easy (P Hide, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Biancorn (pu), 6 Dwadme (pu), 7 Early Man (f), 10 Ginger Tristan (5th), Its A Snip (4th), 12 Mister Feathers (ur), 16 Opal's Tenspot (pu), Punch's Hotel (6th), 33 Express Travel (f). 12 ran. 1¾l, 20l, 30l, 20l, 1¾l. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £7.20; £2.10, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £15.50. Trio: £15.40. CSF: £28.06. Tricast: £87.57.

2.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, SPUFFINGTON (P Hide, 11-10 fav Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Fast Thoughts (R Dunwoody, 5-2); 3, Mr Invader (M A Fitzgerald, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Evening Rain (6th), 14 Woodlands Boy (4th), 16 No Debt (f), 25 Joker Jack (5th), Lady Bunting (pu), 66 Andinsins (f), Crawfordstown (f). 10 ran. Hd, 20l, 15l, 3½l, 30l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.54.

3.15 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, DESMOND GOLD (D Bridgwater, 10-11 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Beaurepaire (S Earle, 5-2); 3, Dinner At Eight (D O'Sullivan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Carabuck, 20 The Weatherman (6th), 33 First Command, 50 Big Bad Wolf (5th), Cubalo (pu), Inchydoney Boy (f), Olivipet (4th), Rathcannon Carchal (r). 11 ran. 10l, 4l, 3l, 4l, 10l. Mrs D Haine at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £3.40. CSF: £3.73.
Jackpot: £2,034.30.
Placepot: £15.30. Quadpot: £7.80.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good (good to soft in places)

12.30 (3m ch) 1, Golden Isle (B Storey, 6-5 fav); 2, Judicial Field (7-4); 3, Hicksons Choice (8-1). 5 ran. 2l, 1¾l. J Charlton. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.17.

1.00 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Queen Buzzard (Mr J Weymes, 14-1); 2, Mr Dick (16-1); 3, Griffins Bar (16-1). Earlymorning Light 8-11 fav. 16 ran. 11l, hd. E Weymes. Tote: £14.80; £2.70, £3.10, £4.30. DF: £52.00. CSF: £192.97.

1.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Choctaw (B Grattan, 2-1); 2, Pink Gin (15-8 fav); 3, Bishopdale (3-1). 4 ran. 13l, sh hd. P Beaumont. Tote: £2.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.60.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Fret (N Bentley, 3-1); 2, Bud's Bet (20-1); 3, What If (11-4 fav); 4, Friendly Knight (25-1). 18 ran. 20l, 3½l. J Wainwright. Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £9.90, £1.90, £6.50. DF: £106.00. Trio: £183.60. CSF: £81.31. Tricast: £179.25.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Doradus (M Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Strong Approach (5-1); 3, Political Tower (2-1 fav). 6 ran. NR: Vulcory's Clown. 1½l, 1¼l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £9.90. CSF: £25.40.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Royal Crest (M Dwyer, 4-1); 2, Weather Alert (2-1 fav); 3, Merryhill Gold (100-1). 12 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. M Camacho. Tote: £4.30; £1.10, £1.50, £13.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £11.47.

3.30 (2m flat) 1, Alhaarimi (Mr S Walker, 7-2); 2, Cracking Idea (5-1); 3, Spring Call (3-1 fav). 19 ran. 7l, 3½l. K Morgan. Tote: £6.50; £3.50, £3.40, £2.20. DF: £12.40. CSF: £24.69.
Placepot: £283.30. Quadpot: £40.80.

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Australia expose domestic failings

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

INTENSITY best sums up Australia, intensity of preparation, of competition and the way rugby league is played. Qualities fashioned in the melting pot of the Winfield Cup and State of Origin Series find only a faint echo in this country.

Very few games are played at the pitch repeated week-in, week-out in Australia. Only the standards set by Wigan would find any recognition with those widespread in the Sydney-based league. Without Wigan, it is worrying to think where Great Britain would be, although they would certainly be losing far more emphatically.

The problem is that there are fewer teams capable of giving Wigan a decent game. Is it little wonder that bookmakers are taking odds on them winning all their Stones Bitter Championship games rather than bets on retaining the title itself? There is every indication this season that instead of the gap between Wigan and the rest closing, it has never been wider, and until there are three or four clubs genuinely challenging one another, there is no hope for the intensity of competition that is necessary to breed more of the high-quality players to counter Australia's supremacy.

As grand as it sounds, a premier league next season hardly addresses the dilemma — certainly not one with 16 clubs, the same number as presently exist. A far-reaching report three months ago into a creaking structure urged pruning, but that nettle and few of its innovative ideas were grasped.

The sport with an infinite capacity for whining about the failure of Mohammed to come to its mountain cannot hope for mass conversion without radical appeal. Mergers of clubs, with a consequent concentration of talent and excellence, is the signpost the game has chosen to ignore.

Status quo is hardly designed to break the three-counties barrier and, all the while, the English game can only watch enviously at the money, sponsorship and profile of an expanding game in Australia that has a new set of stars.

The 1994 Kangaroos, like their illustrious predecessors in 1982 and 1986, have underlined that the game here is nowhere near as good as it likes to think it is. It is certainly not good enough to beat an Australian side, whose defeat at Wembley in the first international was the making of them.

Statistics do not lie in describing Australia's rout of of the English club structure. An average 38 points and seven tries per match was a highest figure for all tours, their defensive record was second only to the 1982 side and Rod Wishart's 132 points was the highest individual contribution since Graeme Langlands 31 years ago.

When Mal Meninga reckons that even the 1982 "Invincibles" pale slightly by comparison, it is a sure sign that Australia have reached a new plane entirely. Certainly their play reflected that. Such wonderful ball movement and support play showed how far back down the evolutionary ladder British players are.

Bobby Fulton, the Australia coach, said that the Great Britain team of today would have beaten Britain sides of the Eighties by 30 points. As far as they have travelled, however, the defeats at Old Trafford and Elland Road showed how much further Australia are down the road.

In the players' poll, Brad Fittler was the runaway leader. He has refined the loose forward role down to a fine art. Is there a more outstanding half-back combination than Ricky Stuart and Laurie Daley, or a more creative and explosive hooker than Steve Walters? The new guard of Brett Mullins, Greg Florino and Dean Pay will merely sustain the legacy.

Bleary-eyed from celebration, the party left Manchester early yesterday for four dates in France, culminating in an international in Beziers and Meninga's final farewell on Sunday week. The likely scale of destruction does not bare close thought, nor do Britain's prospects in the World Cup next October and when they tour Australia in 1996.

TOUR RECORD

RECORD: played 14, won 13, lost 1. Points: for 535, against 106 Tries: scored 96, conceded 18

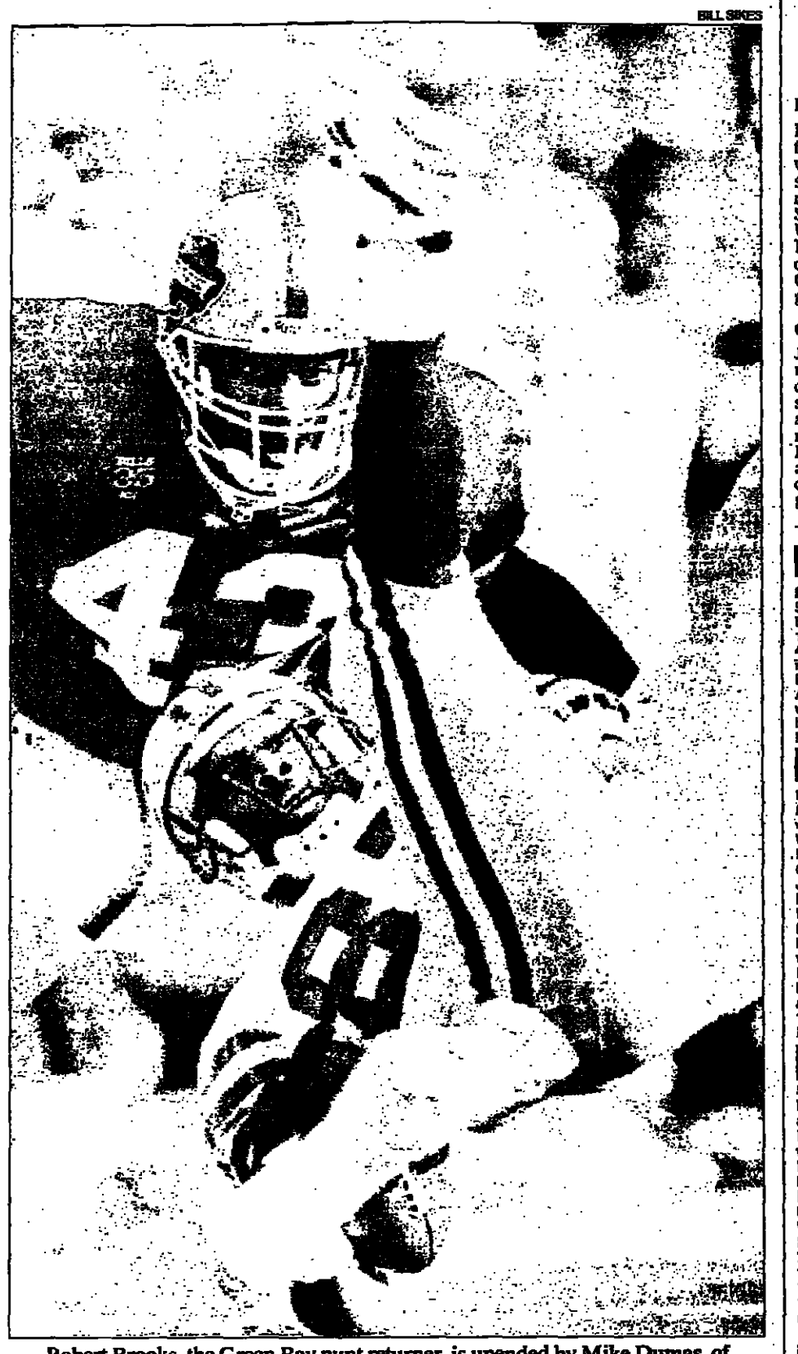
MATCHES PLAYED: Oct 2: Cumbria, won 52-8 5: Leeds, won 48-6. 8: Wigan, won 30-20 12: Castleford, won 38-12 16: Halifax, won 26-12 22: Great Britain (Wembley), lost 8-4. 26: Sheffield Eagles, won 80-2 30: Wales, won 46-4 Nov 1: St Helens, won 32-14 5: Great Britain (Old Trafford), won 38-8. 9: Warrington, won 24-0 13: Bradford Northern, won 40-0 15: Great Britain Under-21, won 54-10 20: Great Britain (Elland Road) won 23-4

LEADING SCORERS: 132 points: R Wishart (7 tries, 52 goals). 44: A Ettingshausen (11 tries). 38: D Furner (1 try, 17 goals) 28: S Renouf, W Sailor (each 7 tries) 24: B Mullins, S Menzies (each 6 tries) 22: T Brasher (5 tries, 1 goal) 20: G Florino, A Langer (each 5 tries)

Reed argues persuasive case

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

BILL SIKES



Robert Brooks, the Green Bay punt returner, is upended by Mike Dumas, of Buffalo (out of picture), as Matt Darby prepares to pounce during the Bills' win

JIM Kelly and Andre Reed, of the Buffalo Bills, resolved their differences and combined to produce two touchdowns in a 29-20 National Football League victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

Reed, who had argued with Kelly on the sidelines during a defeat by Pittsburgh in their previous game, caught 15 passes, a team record that yielded 191 yards. He scored on plays of 15 and ten yards as the Bills built a 27-6 advantage at half-time. Kelly completed 32 of 44 passes for 365 yards.

"We need to argue a little more," Reed said with a smile. The Bills, who have been American Football Conference champions for the past four seasons, face the possibility of missing the play-offs with another defeat. They stopped a two-game losing sequence and drew within one victory of the Miami Dolphins in the East division. Miami were defeated by Pittsburgh in overtime.

"We can do anything we want to do when we put our minds to it," Reed said. "When it is put-up-or-shut-up time, Jim is looking to me — I have to make the big play. He was very poised, stood in there and took the hits. That's the Jim Kelly we know. That's the kind of game you want."

Reed broke the club's one-game receptions record of 13 that he set against Denver in 1989 and Thurman Thomas equalled in 1991.

"Reed had one of the great games I have ever seen a receiver have," Paul Holmgren, the Green Bay coach, said. The Packers held Buffalo scoreless in the second half and Brett Favre completed two third-quarter touchdown passes to nudge the Packers to a 27-20 deficit, but the Buffalo defence was impenetrable in the fourth quarter. Favre was 22 of 40 for 214 yards with one interception.

The Bills were credited with a safety with 1min 51sec left when Joe Sims, of Green Bay, was caught holding Phil Hansen in the end zone.

Buffalo played without their All-Pro defensive end, Bruce Smith, who is nursing an injured shoulder. "We knew we had to step it up a bit without Bruce," Hansen said. "We played very well against the run."

Thomas rushed 31 times for 80 yards, but retired with a bruised knee late in the game. The Packers, whose winning sequence was halted at four games, lost the All-Pro defensive end, Reggie White, in the third quarter with a bruised elbow.

The Dallas Cowboys, who have defeated Buffalo in the past two Super Bowls, sustained several injuries in their 31-7 win against Washington. The most critical of those were the strained knee suffered by the quarterback, Troy Aikman, and the possible ligament damage to the right thumb of his back-up, Rodney Peete. Dallas play host to Green Bay on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Aikman was hurt late in the first half after leading the Cowboys to a 17-7 lead, two touchdowns coming on runs by Emmitt Smith. Peete took over and threw a touchdown pass to Alvin Harper to make it 24-7 at the interval but suffered his injury in the third quarter.

"We're hurting right now," Jerry Jones, the Dallas owner, said, "but if there is a team in the league that can win without its top two quarterbacks, this is the one."

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Week 12: Kansas City 20 Cleveland 13; Chicago 20 Detroit 10; Buffalo 29 Green Bay 20; Indianapolis 17 Cincinnati 13; Pittsburgh 16 Miami 13 (OT); New England 23 San Diego 17; Dallas 31 Washington 7; Denver 32 Atlanta 28; LA Raiders 24 New Orleans 6; NY Jets 31 Minnesota 21; Arizona 12 Philadelphia 6; Seattle 22 Tampa Bay 21; San Francisco 31 LA Rams 27

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	7	4	252	203
Buffalo	6	5	234	218
NY Jets	6	5	204	205
Indianapolis	5	6	233	246
New England	5	6	233	256
Central division				
Cleveland	8	3	232	138
Pittsburgh	6	3	182	169
Cincinnati	2	9	186	268
Houston*	1	9	147	218
West division				
San Diego	8	3	260	187
Kansas City	7	4	215	205
LA Raiders	6	5	227	241
Denver	5	6	252	271
Seattle	4	7	217	217

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	9	2	293	148
Philadelphia	7	4	222	186
Arizona	5	6	138	204
NY Giants*	5	7	171	220
Washington	2	9	227	310
Central division				
Minnesota	7	4	245	195
Chicago	7	4	192	192
Green Bay	6	6	225	172
Detroit	5	6	209	237
Tampa Bay	2	9	145	251
West division				
San Francisco	9	2	326	213
Atlanta	6	6	229	258
LA Rams	4	7	206	229
New Orleans	4	7	228	265

* Does not include game played last night.

FIXTURES: Thursday: Buffalo at Detroit; Green Bay at Dallas. Sunday: Houston at Cleveland; Miami at NY Jets; Philadelphia at Atlanta; Tampa Bay at Minnesota; Chicago at Arizona; Cincinnati at Denver; Kansas City at Seattle; LA Rams at San Diego; NY Giants at Washington; Pittsburgh at LA Raiders; New England at Indianapolis. Monday: San Francisco at New Orleans.

RADIO CHOICE

A musical fund raiser

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

I do not envy Classic FM's engineering team their job tonight. One faulty calculation and they could be left with egg on their faces. The worse that can happen to listeners is that we will have to put up with some hiatus-filling chat. What is planned tonight is a link-up of six mini-concerts, broadcast live from London, Bristol, Edinburgh, Skipton, Cardiff and Belfast. Dovetailing them is a matter of timing. Under-running should present no problem, thanks to John Julius Norwich's proved expertise as a studio link-man, and the recorded contributions of Dame Vera Lynn, Jack Brymer, Evelyn Glennie and Cleo Laine. All proceeds of this dauntingly ambitious musical event go to the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

Gush. *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*

Judging by episode one of Ian Hislop's and Nick Newman's first radio comedy serial, no attempt will be made to meddle with national or social stereotypes. Martin Jarvis's British minister for trade is a splendid chap all round. His rival (Mac McDonald) is American, and a rotter all round. The prince (Julian Dutton), who holds the world to ransom with his oil monopoly, is an oily customer all round. Felicity Montagu's fashion-designing Lady Arabella is a swinger all round, and Caroline Quentin's Hollywood star, Iolanthe Diamond, is a dipso all round. The laughs in *Gush* come in breezes rather than gusts, though this can be only an interim judgment. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 The Story of Pop: Alan Freeman finds out what it is like for women to work in an industry dominated by men 10.00 Mark Radcliffe, with Mark Riley 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy with *the Early Show* 8.15 Pause for Thought, with Sarah Boston 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 8.45 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.00 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain: Phone 0645 288291 8.30 Michael Bentine: The Reluctant Jester Strikes Back 9.00 The Terrible Twos! Sarah Kennedy reads her favourite gems of wisdom from children 10.00 Up in Lights: Adrian Edwards talks to Bob Monkhouse about his role in Rodgers and Hart's *The Boys from Syracuse* 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.15 Work It Out with Liz Barclay; 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Weir, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, including at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time live from Westminster 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00-5.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 *Bred in Tooth and Claw* 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 News 9.05 Business 9.15 Tip of the Tongue 9.30 On Screen 9.45 Sports 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 The Story of Western Music 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Multitrack 12.45 Sports 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 Wood, Guts and Brass 3.00 News 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoskop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Megamix 10.45 Sports 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 News 12.10am News 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Crisis in the Family 1.45 Country Style 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 3.00 News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: See Choice 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyle 2.00-6.00am Jane Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Satie (Prélude de la porte héroïque du ciel); Rossini (Sonata a quattro No 6 in E flat); Tippett (Fantasia on a theme of Handel); Sibelius (Andante festivo); Verdi (Caro nome, Rigoletto); 8.32 *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in C minor, Op 17 No 4: Schneider Quartet) 9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Schnittke (String Quartet No 3; (K)ein Sommernachtstraum; Concert for piano and string orchestra) 10.00 **Musical Encounters**: Bernard Herrmann (Suite: Citizen Kane); 10.15 *Artist of the Week*: Barry Douglas, piano. Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 3 in E flat); 10.35 Ravel (Violin Sonata in G); Mozart (Ah, lo previdi); Debussy (Trois chansons de Charles d'Orléans); Prokofiev (Symphony No 6) 12.00 **Music Restored**: Anthems and consort music by Thomas Tomkins (r) 1.00pm **New Voices, New Choices**: Claude Delangle, saxophone, and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales perform Elena Firsova (Cassandra); Edison Denisov (Saxophone Concerto) 2.00 **Schools**: Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen! 3.00 **Benjamin Britten Birthday Concert**: Mary Plazas, soprano; Britten-Pears Ensemble under Alexander Platt. Britten (Sinfonietta, Op 1); Busoni, arr Stein (Berceuse élégiaque); Schoenberg, arr Stein (Two Songs, Op 8); Mahler, arr Stein (Symphony No 4 in G) 4.40 **Bridge Idylls**: Brindisi Quartet performs Bridge (Three Idylls for string quartet); Kathryn Stott, piano, plays Bridge (A Sea Idyll) 5.00 **The Music Machine**: The changing role of the musician over the past 700 years 5.15 **In Tune**, from the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. The guests include festival director Richard Steinitz and Austrian composer, conductor and singer H.K. Gruber; 5.25 Stravinsky (Ragtime); 6.03 Lambert (Rio Grande) 7.30 **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** under Alexander Gibson. Moura Lympany, piano. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G); Shostakovich (Symphony No 10) 9.05 **The Real Thing**: Iwan Russell-Jones looks at baseball 9.25 **Musical Farewells**: Ruth Geiger, piano. Bach (Capriccio on the Departure of a Beloved Brother); Beethoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 81a, Les Adieux) (r) 10.00 **Musique Sacrée**: The BBC Singers under Simon Joly perform motets by Poulenc and Pierre Villette; and Florent Schmitt's Mass, Op 138. With Andrew Parnell, organ (r) 10.45 **Night Waves**: Harriet Gilbert discusses the winner of this year's Turner prize 11.30-12.30am **Shchedrin and Sumera**: Shchedrin (Symphony No 1: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Vassily Sinaisky); Sumera (Symphony No 5: BBC SO under Paavo Järvi)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 **News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444.** Lines open from 9am 10.00-10.30 **News; A Hack on the Cut (FM only)**: Dylan Winter and his horse Molly reach the end of their canal journey 10.00 **Daily Service (LW only)** with Fiona Wright, Radio 2's Chatgirl of the Year 10.15 *The Hindu Scriptures (LW only)*: Stories from the Hindu tradition 10.30 **Women's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 **Medicine Now**: Geoff Watts reports 12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with Daire Brehan 12.25pm **Stilgoe's Around**: Richard Stilgoe leads a cabaret of sketches and songs on the subject of faith in the company of the Movement for Ordination of Women at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London. 12.55 Weather 1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke 1.40 **The Archers (r)** 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre; Dead Man's Button**, by John Pilkington. Two hundred feet above a building site in Devon, Big Alby refuses to leave the cab of his tower crane. With Tony Selby and Nick Stringer 2.30 **Personal Records**: Jeremy Nicholas visits actor Norman Painting (better-known as Phil Archer) to explore his record collection 3.00 **News; Anderson Country** 4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**, with Paul Vaughan. Includes a profile of this year's winner of the Nobel prize for literature 4.45 **Short Story: The Signalman**. Denys Hawthorne reads Ted Moore's story 5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **Quiet**: See Choice 7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers** 7.20 **File on 4**: Jolyon Jenkins reports 8.00 **Science Now**, presented by Peter Evans (r) 8.30 **In Living Colour**: Juliet Alexander focuses on education from Handsworth Wood Girls' School in Birmingham 9.00 **In Touch**: Peter White presents the magazine for people with a visual handicap 9.30 **Kaleidoscope (r)** 9.59 Weather 10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Isabel Hilton 10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Nights at the Circus**, by Angela Carter 11.00 **Mediumwave**: The week's events in the media (r) 11.30-12.00 **Sentimental Journey (FM only)**: Fiona Shaw returns to Cobh on Ireland's south coast, where she spent an idyllic childhood (r) 11.30 **Today in Parliament (LW)** 12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Beerbaum to chase riches at Olympia

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

LUDGER Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic champion, and his compatriot, Franke Sloothaak, the world champion, are among the leading entries for the Olympia show-jumping championships next month.

The show, which was started by the late Raymond Brooks-Ward in 1971, will be held from December 15-19 and is offering £210,600 in prize-money, making it Britain's richest horse show. Among the highlights are the Volvo World Cup qualifier, on Saturday December 17, with a £25,000 prize fund in addition to a £20,000 car, for the winner, and the Grand Prix, on Monday evening, the final day of the show, which has prize-money of £45,000.

Britain's entry is led by the three regular members of the national team — John Whitaker, Michael Whitaker and Nick Skelton. Di Lampard, the winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, and Alison Bradley, Skelton's new stable jockey, are among the handful of women riders competing.

The show, which is famous for its mixture of serious show jumping and entertainment, also includes a display by the Modern Security Systems Metropolitan Mounted Police and the Osborne Refrigeration Shetland Pony Grand National. Reine Klimke, Germany's former Olympic champion, will give a dressage display with his daughter, Ingrid.

England rely on Potter's craft

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN SYDNEY

WORLD Cup fever has gripped this cosmopolitan city, with 11 teams challenging Holland, the holders, in the hockey tournament, which starts here tomorrow.

England are intent on improving on their fifth position at Lahore, Pakistan, in 1990. They are aiming for a medal, an ambition based on recent results. In two four nations' tournaments they were runners-up to Holland, in Mönchengladbach and Brussels.

David Whitaker, the England coach, said yesterday: "I believe we have the potential to win a medal provided the players maintain their confidence and concentration."

Prominent among Whitaker's men is Jon Potter, the captain, who has made a total of 221 appearances for Great Britain and England. His cool authority in midfield prompted David Whittle, the team manager, to remark that "he has been a force over the past decade and still keeps coming back for more". Potter leads a committed side and, what is more, a happy one.

Much depends on England winning their opening pool A match against Spain tomorrow. If they also win the next two matches, against Belorussia and Argentina, they will be six points to the good in their attempt to reach the semi-finals and better equipped for the two crucial games, against Pakistan and Australia, who both look strong. Belorussia, recently admitted to the fold after the break-up of the Soviet Union, have played only six international matches, three in qualifying and the remaining three against Poland.

Argentina, with their reputation for speed and fitness, can upset the best sides but are inconsistent, as they showed recently when they lost their home series against Australia 4-1 after winning the first match.

Holland and Germany have India and South Korea to overcome in pool B. The Dutch, recent winners of four successive international tournaments, have been playing so well that they are favourites to win the trophy. The good news for Germany is that Andreas Becker, a centre forward of high quality, has returned to the team. South Africa need more international exposure and are unlikely to make an impression. Neither will Belgium, the weakest side in the pool.

Since the tournament's inception in 1971 only four nations have won the World Cup. Pakistan had three successes, in 1971, 1978 and 1982; Holland two, in 1973 and 1990; and India and Australia one each, in 1975 and 1986 respectively. England's best performance was when they were runners-up in 1986.

WORLD CUP DETAILS

ENGLAND SQUAD: D Luckes (East Grinstead), S Mason (Firebrands), P McGuire (Teddington), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), Somra Singh (Southgate), J Potter (Hounslow, captain), J Lasker (Teddington), J Shaw (Southgate) Kabir Takher (Cannock), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), C Mayer (Cannock), S Nicklin (Teddington), R Garcia (Polo Club, Barcelona), R Cruichley (Hounslow), S Hazlitt (Hounslow), D Williams (Havant)

FIXTURES: Tomorrow: Pool A: Belorussia v Australia, England v Spain, Argentina v Pakistan Pool B: S Africa v Germany Nov 24: A: Belorussia v England, Argentina v Australia B: Belgium v Holland, S Korea v India. 25: A: Pakistan v Spain. B: Belgium v Germany, S Korea v S Africa, Holland v India. 26: A: England v Argentina, Spain v Belorussia, Australia v Pakistan. 27: B: S Korea v Belgium, India v S Africa, Germany v Holland 28: A: Australia v Spain Pakistan v England, Belorussia v Argentina. B: S Africa v Belgium. 29: A: Spain v Argentina, Australia v England B: Germany v India; Holland v S Korea. 30: A: Pakistan v Belorussia. B: India v Belgium Holland v S Africa: Germany v S Korea.

Dec 2. Play-off matches: Pool A winner v Pool B runner-up, Pool A runner-up v Pool B winner, Pool A 3rd v Pool B 4th Pool A 4th v Pool B 3rd. 3: Play-off matches Pool A 5th v Pool B 6th Pool A 6th v Pool B 5th. Seventh place play-off, fifth place play-off 4: Final. Play-off matches: third place, ninth place 11th place

Resurgent rivalry inspires Sampras

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

TIM Gullickson appreciates that an aspect of his job might have been rendered virtually superfluous. The coach of Pete Sampras, he reckons that the world's No 1 needs no other motivation now that he is threatened by the renewed challenges posed by Boris Becker and Andre Agassi.

When Sampras retained the Wimbledon championship, Gullickson imagined that his charge was "going to walk away from the field". Sampras had already established an unprecedented lead at the head of the rankings. But once injury halted his almost irresistible progress, old rivals gathered momentum. Agassi, the first man to propel himself from outside the top 20 to No 2 in the same year, is, says Gullickson, "playing the best tennis I have ever seen him play".

Becker, though he has yet consistently to match the standards he set in the 1980s, is also "playing as well as I have seen him for three or four years". Both were victims of Sampras in the rousing climax to the ATP Tour world championship in Frankfurt last weekend.

Gullickson believes Sampras has matured into a fiercer competitor over the past three years. So has Agassi since being guided by Brad Gilbert. Becker, who has climbed to No 3 in the rankings, has merely rediscovered a sense of purpose with Nick Bollettieri.

The men's game has assumed a fresh order, with Michael Stich and Jim Courier dropping away and Sergi Bruguera demonstrating that he is more than a clay-court exponent.

The women's game, once even more stagnant, has been turned upside down, if only momentarily. Steffi Graf, as dominant a figure as Sampras earlier in the year, is still hampered by injury and Conchita Martinez still seems to be hindered by her own mental turmoil. They remain No 1 and No 3 respectively but no longer by a clear margin.

Lindsay Davenport, the runner-up in the Virginia Slims championship, needs to lose weight to sustain a genuine challenge. Mary Pierce might be a contender once she has seized a significant title. After waiting for more than two years, Gabriela Sabatini has and she could be the women's version of the resurgent Becker.

Panthers bound ahead of pursuers

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

NOTTINGHAM Panthers kept their record as the only unbeaten side in the premier division with wins over Sheffield Steelers and Durham Wasps at the weekend. Mike Blaisdell, the Panthers' coach, must have taken a special delight in the win at Durham. He spent two years with the Wasps before being released in less than friendly circumstances and his two goals on Sunday were celebrated with particular relish.

In spite of dismissing their coach, Rocky Saganiuk, and making changes in personnel, the Wasps cannot find consistent form and now have only Milton Keynes Kings and Bracknell Bees below them.

Defeat at Nottingham, where the home side ran up a 6-1 lead in the first period, and then another reverse at the hands of Cardiff Devils, meant Sheffield slipped to fourth place.

Fife Flyers, who started the season with eight successive cup wins but then experienced a brief slump, have regained form and made no mistake against Peterborough and Basingstoke to move into second place. But they are five points behind the Panthers and have played two games more, which emphasises the Panthers' strength.

Slough Jets continue to lead the first division with only Telford Tigers looking likely to provide any significant opposition.

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Dos and don'ts of documentary-making

Anyone glancing at the photograph - three columns away and suspecting that here is a man with his hair on back to front will be pleased to learn that my absence of fashion sense is consistent: it extends from top to bottom. Some time ago a female member of *The Times* staff, espying only my lower quarters through a half-open door, took it that the creased and shiny grey flannel resting on dull, grey shoes meant that I was a member of the Polish delegation which happened to be visiting the office that day.

You will deduce from this that I lay no claim to being in the vanguard of the fashion business. Smith, Klein and Armani might as well be an international firm of tax lawyers for all that they impinge on my life. But I would claim to know quite a lot about the publishing business and I would further claim, having watched the medium since the year ITV was invented, to know a dud television programme when I see one. Last night's **Absolutely Marie Claire** (Channel 4), a documentary in the *Cutting Edge* series, was a dud television programme.

Marie Claire is a very successful and a very good woman's magazine. Many of those who know say that the British version (the parent is French) is the better. The magazine sells more than 400,000 copies a month, it is expertly designed and well written and it has a rare capacity to surprise.

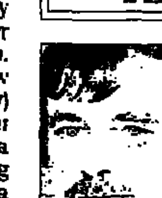
The editor is Glenda Bailey, a lady from Derbyshire who sounds like a lady from Derbyshire should sound: she is reluctant to believe that two-thirds of the people on the planet are called Darling. She is astute, creative and drivingly enthusiastic, which makes *Cutting Edge's* achievement, no doubt unintended, in rendering her a grinning, vacuous cardboard cut-out all the more astonishing.

As a portrait of a magazine, this was a blank canvas. They took the best bits of every documentary about publishing that has ever been shown and . . . ignored them. Instead we got Glenda in New York being kissed (interminably) by Calvin Klein et al, we learnt nothing whatsoever from a glimpse of the editorial planning conference and we were taken on a fashion shoot in Lapland where it was, would you believe it, cold. Also windy.

The camera simply piggy-backed the magazine in order to photograph the smiling faces of designers, the lovely faces of models, the sullen faces of put-upon hair stylists and the earnest faces of advertising executives. The camera brushed against all of these fringe targets but completely missed the magazine itself.

Why is it successful? Why and how does it mix high-gloss fashion with ethnic features and cooking? To what extent do advertisers influence the editorial agenda? How does the editor choose what to put on the cover? Answers came there none, in part because of the programme's all-too-fashionable habit of observing rather than reporting. The visuals ruled, the crying need for focused questions was ignored.

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

On first thoughts I regarded the truncated episode where *Marie Claire's* advertising team met the marketing men from Ford ("repositioning the Fiesta") as merely a false dawn, a glimpse of what this programme might have been. But the whole show was a false dawn.

Cutting Edge is a grown-up series of considerable and serious achievement, yet this one appeared to regard women's magazines in the way that unthinking chauvinists regard them: as a bit of a hoot, as superficial, as, well, you know, *girlie*. Come off it, chaps.

I expect there is a way to link glamorous magazines with threatened snails but contrived links are best left to television weathermen, who have lately taken to equating temperatures with lottery numbers. Instead I shall turn sharp right into a proper documentary doing a proper reporting job.

Horizon's **The Predator** (BBC 2) was about a team of biologists who have spent 15 years trying to save *Partula* snails from extinction. Why? Because the volcanic islands they inhabit are living laboratories and because a threatened species is not less important just because it cannot be spotted from the wheelhouse of the *Rainbow Warrior*.

Partulas live in French Polynesia but in 1967 somebody introduced the giant African land snail, which proceeded to gobble up the *Partula* at an alarming rate. So the French introduced another snail which was supposed to eat the giants, but you can never tell with snails (although you'd think the French might). These took one look at the land snail and decided the *Partula* was easier meat: appointed gamekeeper, they turned poacher.

Bryan Clarke, from Nottingham University, is the leading light in the saving of the *Partula*, achieved by shipping examples back to Nottingham and having them breed. Now, the *Partula* has been reintroduced to Polynesia, albeit in a small enclave surrounded by a solid and electrified fence.

This is the kind of painstaking and strangely riveting film that ought to do wonders for the national curriculum, which has yet to excite young people about the wonders of science. Clarke's science is hands-on, proof that for all the merits of the laboratory there is no substitute for pulling on the hiking boots and getting your knees green.

I hope the *Partula* is duly grateful, but I know not: the face of a snail (if face it be) must be the envy of poker players. But I expect the *Partula* is happier at home than in a sandwich box in Nottingham. As for the good doctor who saved it from extinction, how nice to think of snails having a hero they surely call *Partula* Clarke.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (98325)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (98038464)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2825648)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5159280) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (50198087)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7387716) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Gloria Hunniford (s) (6937174) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26243025)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (88880)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55520464) **1.50 The Great British Quiz**. The question-master is Philip Hayton (s) (55524280)

2.15 Snooker. David Vine introduces action from the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (s) (359984). **Wales** (to 4.15): Rugby Union — Pontypridd v South Africa

3.50 Chucklevision (r) (s) (4186629) **4.05 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (3620735) **4.15 Spacevets** (s) (3206613) **4.30 It'll Never Work**. (Ceefax) (5172532)

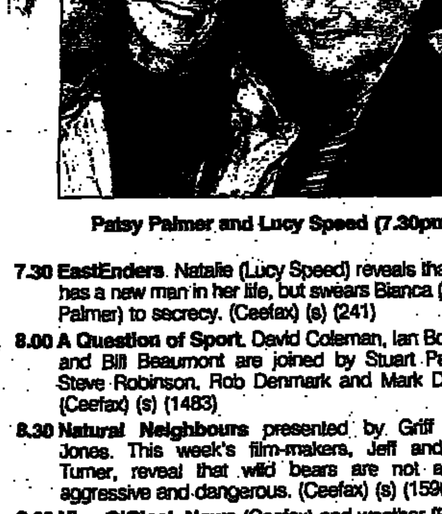
4.55 Newsround (2331358) **5.10 Byker Grove**. Children's drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (5132984)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (223716)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (735)

6.30 Regional news magazines (777)

7.00 Holiday. Reports from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, San Francisco and Tenerife. (Ceefax) (s) (2735)



Patsy Palmer and Lucy Speed (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Natalie (Lucy Speed) reveals that she has a new man in her life, but swears Bianca (Patsy Palmer) to secrecy. (Ceefax) (s) (241)

8.00 A Question of Sport. David Coleman, Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont are joined by Stuart Pearce, Steve Robinson, Rob Denmark and Mark Dwyer. (Ceefax) (s) (1483)

8.30 Natural Neighbours presented by Griff Rhys Jones. This week's film-makers, Jeff and Sue Turner, reveal that wild bears are not always aggressive and dangerous. (Ceefax) (s) (1590)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (8218)

9.30 Against All Odds: The Promise. The story of the role played by Colonel Mark Cook in re-building an orphanage in Croatia. (Ceefax) (s) (388377). **Wales**: Week In Week Out 10.00 Against All Odds 10.55 Omnibus 11.50-1.35am Film: The Beguiled

10.25 CHOICE **Omnibus: Henri Cartier-Bresson**. (Ceefax) (s) (516358). **Northern Ireland**: Home Truths 11.05 Omnibus 12.05am-1.35 The Deliberate Stanger

11.20 FILM: The Beguiled (1971) starring Clint Eastwood and Geraldine Page. Drama about a wounded Union soldier who takes refuge in a southern girls' school where his presence uncovers a cauldron of jealousy and hatred. Directed by Don Seigel. (Ceefax) (471822)

1.00am Weather (9814762)

2.45-3.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Channel. *Scrambled (60978)*

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (8061629) **7.05 Barney** (r) (8980700) **7.10 Thundercats**. (r) (4857241) **7.35 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9507261)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6620613) **8.15 The Record**. Yesterday's business in Parliament (8017754) **8.35 Writers' Houses**. Malcolm Muggeridge visits the home of Thomas Carlyle (r) (8915416) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (1964464)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6018613)

2.00 Christopher Crocodile (r) (75839174) **2.05 Spot** narrated by Paul Nicholas (r) (75838445)

2.10 How the West Was Lost. Last in the series about native Americans' fight to protect their land and preserve their way of life (9437700)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross**. (Ceefax) (2211223) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3184990)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent news quiz (s) (700)

4.30 Snooker. The Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (s) (92006)

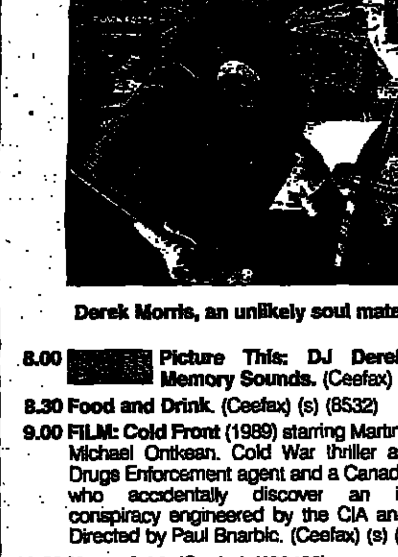
5.30 Esther. A studio discussion on adultery (s) (464)

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American teen comedy (s) (567803)

6.25 Heartbreak High. Children's drama set in an Australian inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (626551)

7.10 Top Gear Rally Report. Day three of the Network Q RAC Rally (321483)

7.30 CHOICE **Open Space: The Plot**. (Ceefax) (613)



Derek Morris, an unlikely soul mate (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Picture This: DJ Derek's Sweet Memory Sounds**. (Ceefax) (s) (9025)

8.30 Food and Drink. (Ceefax) (s) (8532)

9.00 FILM: Cold Front (1989) starring Martin Sheen and Michael Ontkean. Cold War thriller about a US Drugs Enforcement agent and a Canadian Mountie who accidentally discover an international conspiracy engineered by the CIA and the KGB. Directed by Paul Bnarbic. (Ceefax) (s) (9629)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (139483)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (632700)

11.50 Top Gear Rally Report. Day three (194280)

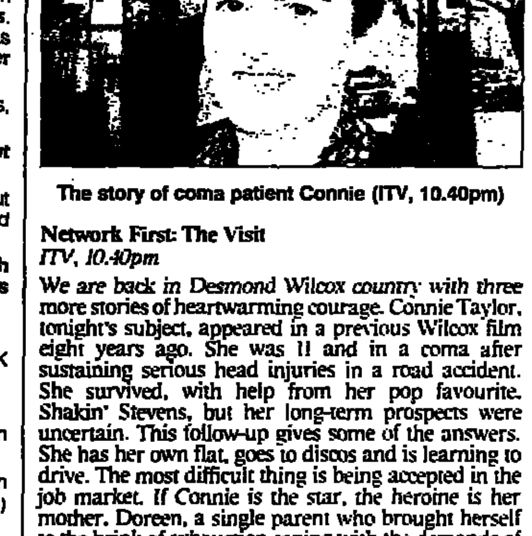
12.05am News followed by **The Midnight Hour**. The day in Parliament (8814946) **12.55 Weather** (2841014)

1.00 Snooker. Highlights from the Guild Hall, Preston (2601323). Ends at **1.50**

2.00-4.00 Night School: English Night (r) (36588)

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CHOICE



The story of coma patient Connie (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: The Visit
ITV, 10.40pm

We are back in Desmond Wilcox country with three more stories of heartwarming courage. Connie Taylor, tonight's subject, appeared in a previous Wilcox film eight years ago. She was 11 and in a coma after sustaining serious head injuries in a road accident. She survived, with help from her pop favourite, Shakin' Stevens, but her long-term prospects were uncertain. This follow-up gives some of the answers. She has her own flat, goes to discos and is learning to drive. The most difficult thing is being accepted in the job market. If Connie is the star, the heroine is her mother, Doreen, a single parent who brought herself to the brink of exhaustion coping with the demands of *Connie as well as bringing up three other children.*

Omnibus: Henri Cartier-Bresson
BBC1, 10.25pm (Scotland, Thursday 11.30pm)

Henri Cartier-Bresson has spent his life doing great things with his own camera while being notoriously *wary of other people's. Normally he has preferred to* stay invisible, saying that he is much more at ease when he is unnoticed. This makes Sarah Moon's film something of a scoop. Not only does the grand old man (he is 86) consent to be interviewed but we are allowed a rare sighting of him as well. He can still be tetchy and once orders the camera to be turned off. The film is discursive and impressionistic, more concerned to capture the flavour of the man and his work than to attempt a formal profile. But an admirably concise and informative introduction by the art critic *William* Feaver fills most of the gaps.

Picture This: DJ Derek's Sweet Memory Sounds
BBC2, 8.00pm

In the Stars and Garters pub in Bristol a middle-aged *man in sleeveless pullover and heavy spectacles plays* Jamaican music for a mainly black audience. The unlikely fact about the disc jockey, Derek Morris, is that he is white. He used to be an accountant with a chocolate company. Then his marriage broke up and he decided on a change of direction. "I found that I could get people excited and keep them dancing", he says, though after 30 years he is still unable to explain his affinity with West Indian culture. Helena Appio's stylishly-shot film shows Derek at the turntable, hears *from his customers and follows him on his visits to a* warehouse in London where he augments his huge collection of recorded black music.

Open Space: The Plot
BBC2, 7.30pm

From Durham to Birmingham and Northampton the grow-your-own brigade sings the praises of the allotment. The viewer access slot usually signals a polemic and the plea from this programme is clear enough: save our precious plots from the road builders and the developers. At the same time there is a touch of poetry about this affectionate evocation of a culture based on the shovel, the shed and the compost heap. The allotment, enthusiasts say, is about fresh air, exercise, relieving stress and not having to pay silly *prices for produce that has been flown half way across* the world. The film ends with "Jerusalem" and the hymn to England's green and pleasant land is not the slightest bit out of place. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3157667)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4276358) **9.55 London Today** (6191990)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s)(9740006)

10.35 This Morning (73651919) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7203700)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9106993)

12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (8556254) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (20065261)

1.55 Vanessa: Soaps are My Life (52160483)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (23077483) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (7104006)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6484025) ***3.25 London Today*** *(Teletext) and weather (6483396)*

3.30 Gigglish Allsorts (s) (4100209) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3182532) **3.50 The Raggy Dolls** (s) (4104025) **4.05 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (3615803) **4.15 Hurricanes** (s) (7450025)

4.40 Children's Ward (Teletext) (s) (3448236)

5.10 After 5 *(Teletext) (2902990)*

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (859280)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (208648)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (803)

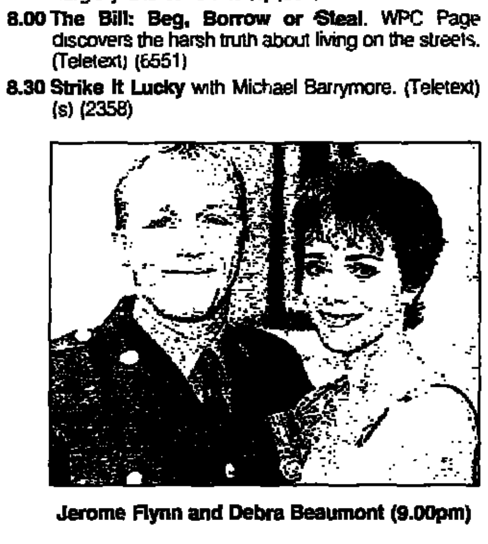
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (483)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (7803)

7.30 Capital Futures. This week's programme examines the steps being taken to tackle the crimes of most concern in London — street assault, burglary and car crime (s) (667)

8.00 The Bill: Beg, Borrow or Steal. WPC Page discovers the harsh truth about living on the streets. (Teletext) (6551)

8.30 Strike It Lucky with Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (2358)



Jerome Flynn and Debra Beaumont (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Going Back. Sally Hawkins accompanies Sergeant Paddy Garvey to Buckingham Palace to receive his gallantry medal. (Teletext) (s) (5919)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (61754)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (696803)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: The Visit** (Teletext) (s) (503919)

11.40 The Royal Film Performance 1994. The Queen attends the premiere of *Miracle on 34th Street*, a reworking of the 1947 Christmas classic (s) (206464)

12.10am Prisoner Cell Block H (3403859)

1.10 Street Legal. Courtroom drama (8058694)

2.10 FILM: Going Hollywood — The 30s (1984). Robert Preston travels back to the 1930s to take a look at the stars and films which made Hollywood the entertainment capital of the world. Directed by Julian Schlossberg (1009410)

3.30 Sport AM (54168)

4.30 Beyond Reality (r) (69120)

5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (48149)

5.30 ITN Morning News (65435). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons. Vintage cartoons (4954716)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (90803);

9.00 You Bet Your Life *(r) (s) (48803)*

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (9701174) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (9706629) **10.00** Fourways Farm (5060342) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (7364396) **10.25** How We Used to Live (8029358) **10.48** Mathsbook (1487629) **11.00** Science in Focus (6162919) **11.22** Stage One (9494716) **11.38** Schools at Work (5776551) **11.45** First Edition (3364445)

12.00 House To House (68667)

12.30pm Sesame Street (15280) **1.30 Trumpton** (s) followed by **Little Brm** (s) (75445)

2.00 FILM: Johnny Bull (1986) starring Suzanna Hamilton and Peter MacNichol. A made-for-television drama about a British war bride whose dreams of a comfortable life in America with her GI husband are shattered when they go and live with his parents in a depressed Pennsylvania mining town. With Jason Robards and Colleen Dewhurst. Directed by Claudia Weill (825822)

3.45 Pete Smith Specialties. A lighthearted look at how women hold their husbands back (s) (4187358)

4.00 Crawshaw Paints Acrylics. Alwyn Crawshaw paints a panoramic view in Killarny. (Teletext) (396)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (280)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are married couples of which one partner has either Aids or is HIV positive (r). (Teletext) (2048377) **5.50 Terrytoons** (118071)

6.00 Batman. (Teletext) (445)

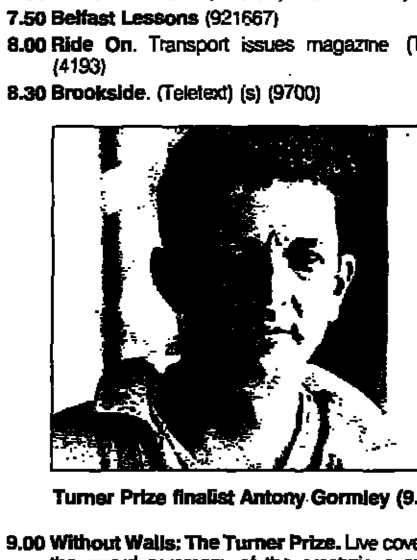
6.30 Gamesmaster (s) (975)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (741629)

7.50 Belfast Lessons (921667)

8.00 Ride On. Transport issues magazine (Teletext) (4193)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9700)



Turner Prize finalist Antony Gormley (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: The Turner Prize. Live coverage of the award ceremony of the prestigious art prize, introduced by Sheena McDonald. The programme includes profiles of the four finalists — Willie Doherty, Peter Doig, Antony Gormley and Shirazeh Houshiary who discuss their work with, among others, Gerald Kaufman, MP, and Richard Cork, art critic of *The Times*. (Teletext) (s) (6261)

10.00 FILM: Wild West (1992) starring Naveen Andrews and Sarita Choudhury. A comedy about the adventures of a Southall-based Pakistan country and western band. Directed by David Attwood. (Teletext) (s) (486629)

11.35 South Central (205735)

12.05am Football Italia - Mezzanotte. Highlights of AC Milan v Internazionale (3495830)

1.05 World Tennis. Action from the IBM/ATP world championship in Frankfurt (2866323)

1.35 Extreme East (r) (3939385)

2.10 FILM: The Last Flight (1931, b/w) starring Richard Barthelmess. Drama about the post-First World War lives of four injured American airmen. Directed by William Dieterle (1007052). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55525919) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7104006) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6483396) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2902990) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (991377) **7.30-8.00** Bodyworks (667) **1.10am** Sin (651217) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (333526) **3.45** The Chart Show (8025014) **4.35** Jobfinder (18384255) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (48149)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55525919) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7104006) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2902990) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (991377) **7.30-8.00** The Tuesday Special (667) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (696803) **12.10am** *The Equalizer* (3413236) **1.05** The Beat (8012830) **2.10-2.15** On the Live Side (3155014) **4.30** Jobfinder (1329168) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2144385)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (8556254) **1.25** Home and Away (87247938) **1.50** Vanessa (52065984) **2.20** Mum's the Word (23069464) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (7104006) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2902990) **6.25** Granada Tonight (651716) **6.50** The Bradshaws (334342) **7.00** Emmerdale (7803) **7.30-8.00** Yesterday's Heroes (667) **11.40** The Royal Film Performance 1994 (206464) **12.10am** Prisoner Cell Block H (3403859) **1.10** Sin (651217) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (333526) **3.45** The Chart Show (8025014) **4.35** Jobfinder (18384255) **5.00-5.30** *About Britain* (48149)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.25 Travel Trails (23068735) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6433822) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2902990) **5.55** Home and Away (149700) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (991377) **7.30-8.00** Fan's Fair (667) **1.10am** Sin (651217) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (333526) **3.45** The Chart Show (8025014) **4.35** Jobfinder (18384255) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (48149)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (991377) **7.30-8.00** Heroes (667) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (696803)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6191990) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7203700) **1.55** A Country Practice (55525919) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7104006) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6483396) **5.10** Home and Away (2902990) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (115984) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (803) **6.30-7.00** What's My Line? (483) **7.30-8.00** Great House Cookery (667) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News (696803) **11.40-12.10pm** The Royal Film Premiere (206464) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (48149)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55-3.25 A Country Practice (55525919) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2902990) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (828342) **6.30-7.00** Runway (483) **7.30-8.00** The Barclays Northern Business Awards Preview (667) **12.10am** Amos (927287) **1.50** *The Little Picture Show (8957323)* **2.50** Sport AM (8206507) **3.50** Disaster Chronicles (51632101) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (7186101)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (6191990) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (7392848) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7391919) **2.25** The Young Doctors (23068735) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6483396) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2902990) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (86551) **7.30-8.00** Air Ambulance (667) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (696803) **1.10am** Sin (651217) **2.45** The Little Picture Show (333526) **3.45** The Chart Show (8025014) **4.35** Jobfinder (18384255) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (48149)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55-3.25 A Country Practice (55525919) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2902990) **5.55** Calendar (828342) **6.30-7.00** Runway (483) **7.30-8.00** The World in Our Gardens (667) **12.10am** Amos (527287) **1.50** The Little Picture Show (8957323) **2.50** Sport AM (8206507) **3.50** Disaster Chronicles (51632101) **4.15-5.30** *Jobfinder (7186101)*

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (90803) **9.00** *You Bet Your Life (48803)* **9.30** Ysgolion (911261) **12.00pm** House To House (68667) **12.30** Slot Meithrin. Mister Mosgen (76174) **1.00** Hullaballoo (93990) **1.30** Hangin' With *Mr Cooper (75445)* **2.00** In And Out (26212716) **2.15** Rygbi: Tocyn i' R Daith: Pontypridd v De Affrica (911629) **4.05** The City (6926386) **4.30** Happy Days (280) **5.00** *5 Pump (5209)* **5.30** *Fifteen To One (111860)* **6.20** Hano (601700) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5445) **7.30** Gwyn A' I Fyd Sturgis, South Dakota (209) **8.00** Penblwydd Hapus (4193) ***8.30** Newyddion (9700)* ***9.00** Shakespeare* Y Drambu Wedi'u (6396) **9.30** Seal That Einstein (96938) **10.00** Brookside (69396) **10.30** Dim Tafod (5933938) **11.35** Turner *Prize (711261)* **12.35am** *The Lost Fleet Of Guadalcanal* (3245472) **1.35** Diwedd

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (73483) **8.00** Power Rangers (6984377) **8.45** Cartoons (7617782) **9.30** Card Sharks (23006) **10.00** Concentration (8547551) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9398445) **10.30** Candid Camera (93377) ***11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (40622)* **12.00** The Urban Peasant (84629) **12.30pm** E Street (27822) **1.00** Falcon Crest (22377) **2.00** Sins (23667) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (8554551) ***3.50** The DJ Kat Show* (1297822) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (5464) **6.00** Gamesworld (1377) **6.30** Spellbound (2629) **7.00** E Street (6193) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8613) **8.00** Manhunter (50174) **9.00** Due South (70936) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (73025) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (908735) **11.45** WIOU (809629) **12.45am** Barney Miller (84472) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (81385)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (5115209) **9.30** Fashion TV (43648) **10.30** ABC Nightline (91919) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (35218) **2.30** *Parliament Live (34822)* ***5.00** Live at* Five (9784006) **6.05** Littlejohn (92224342) **9.30** Target (81377) **11.30** CBS News (12396) **12.30am** ABC News (9630878) **1.10** *Littlejohn (7337762)* ***2.30** Parliament Replay* (93507) **4.30** CBS Evening News (37439) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (78255)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7263209) **10.00 The Switch** (1991) (38638) **12.00 The Jokers** (1966) (24342) **2.00pm The Rare Breed** (1966) (370342) **3.50 Viva Maria!** (1965) (363667) **5.50 The Switch** (1991). As 10am (56481174) **7.30 Close-Up: Jack the Bear** (6209) **8.00 Spotswood** (1991) (58358) **10.00 TC 2000** (1993) (142385) **11.35 Blood Brothers** (1993) (265483) **1.10am The House of God** (1979) (193743) **2.55 The Spirit of '76** (1990) (6422217) **4.15-6.00 The Rare Breed** (1966) As 2pm (627472)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Journey Into Fear (1942) (84232938) **7.55 The Apartment** (1960) (32238349) **10.00-12.00 The Music Lovers** (1970) (69759)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Black Beauty (1987) Animation (46613) **7.00 Gabrielle and the Doodleman** (1984) (79632) **8.00 Return to Treasure Island**: Cartoon sequel (56731) **10.00 My Darling Clementine** (1946) (28280) **12.00 Botany Bay** (1952) (22964) **2.00pm Kings Go Forth** (1958) (62919) **4.00 Return to Treasure Island**. As 8am (9038) **6.00 Mutiny on the Buses** (1973) (75483) **8.00 Death in Small Doses** (1993) (74700) **10.00 Knight Moves** (1993) (46483) **12.00 Crisis in the Kremlin** (1992) (65014) **1.30am Married to It** (1993) (819304) ***3.20-5.00 Demonic Toys*** *(1991)* (20431879)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (8449613) **7.15** WWF Mania (475551) **8.15** Soccer News (9389025) **8.30** Speed and Beauty (99648) **9.00** Windsurfing Tour (19700) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (36613) **10.00** US PGA Golf Shark Shoot Out (29377) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (93464) **12.30pm** Football: Everton v Liverpool (44754) **2.30** Fishing (4006) **3.00** Mountain Bike Challenge (2342) **3.30** NBA Action (9551) **4.00** Surfing (84667) ***5.00** WWF Superstars (9822)* **6.00** Soccer News (361716) **6.15** Classics (286071) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (6087) **7.00** FA Cup First Round Replay: Live, Woking v Barnet (343006) ***10.00** Soccer News (782071)* **10.15** Boots and All (524071) **11.15** Grass Roots Rugby (853280) **11.45-1.45am** FA Cup First Round Replay (729984)

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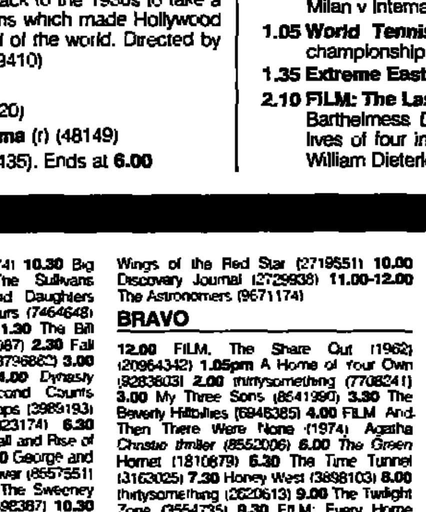
7.30am Step Aerobics (95342) **8.00** Eurogolf Magazine (25735) **9.00** Figure Skating (93782) **10.30** Rally (97280) **11.00** Eurogoals (44803) **12.30pm** Speedworld (38025) **1.00** Live Weightlifting (67071) **3.00** Eurogoals (37629) **4.30** Live Weightlifting (44434) **5.30** News (4483) **7.00** Eurotennis (16700) **8.00** Truck Racing (1667) **8.30** Rally (4254) **9.00** Football (41385) **11.00** Boxing (98483) **12.00-12.30am** News (79110)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (8089919) **8.30** Peyton Place *(8077990)* **9.00** *As the World Turns* (9285025) **10.00** Guiding Light (94091931) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9496629)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Travel Destinations (8088006) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3157342) **1.00** Golf in Paradise (9490445) **1.30** Cooking in France (3155613) **2.00** American Adventurer (2068071) **2.30** Summer in Austria (5511667) **3.00** Travel Destinations (2150006) **3.30** Mansion (5410984) **4.00** Golf in Paradise (5502919) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5591803) **5.00** Summer in Austria (2155551) **5.30** Cooking in France (5515483) **6.00** Getaway — Australia (5612396) **6.30** American Adventurer (5503648) **7.00** Travel Destinations (2142087) **7.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (5692532) **8.00** Guide (4015713) **9.00** Getaway — Australia (7000025) **9.30** Ticket to Paradise (3240006) **10.00** Roads to Freedom (8089735) **10.30** Cooking in France (6098483) **11.00** Getaway (7909342) ***11.30-12.00** Mansion (5057803)*



Shirley MacLaine in *The Apartment* (Sky Movies Gold, 7.55pm)

TLC

9.00am *Craftwise* (8046714) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (7451174) **10.00** Parents Talking (3209236) **10.30** Only Human (1467261) **11.30** Discovering Psychology (3548174) ***12.00** Extra Dimensions (7338754)* **12.45pm** Draw with Don (51825648) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (3694025) **1.30** Craftwise (7454261) **2.00** Decisions (8642629) **2.30** *Are Mothers Really Necessary?* (5696844) **3.00** World of Herbs (8554464) **3.30-4.00** Furniture to Go (6041939)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (9591984) **7.30** Neighbours (9663919) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5593731) **8.30** EastEnders (6943272) **9.00** The Bill (7292764) **9.30** Who Pays the Ferryman? (9839174) **10.30** Big Deal (48612629) **11.35** The Sullivans (19379919) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8848808) **12.30pm** *Neighbours (7464648)* **1.00** EastEnders (9696483) **1.30** The Bill (7463919) **2.00** Potter (8544087) **2.30** Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (3796882) **3.00** *Knots Landing* (3551648) **4.00** Dynasty (3563463) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2059209) **5.35** Top of the Pops (3989193) **5.55** Terry and June (2323174) **6.30** EastEnders (8541713) **7.00** Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (8548803) **7.30** George and Mildred (2241777) **8.00** The River (8557551) **8.30** Potter (8543368) **9.00** The Sweeney (2728209) **10.00** The Bill (7498387) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9952754) **11.10** Naked Video (5948735) **11.40** Dr Who (4373532) **12.10am** Triangle (3007101) **12.40** Campion (50202014) **1.45** Candid Camera (8248878) **2.15** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan III (5763993) **6.15** Bobobobs (419735) **6.45** Casper (418006) **7.15** Head to Head (1916844) **7.25** Eek the Cat (4939700) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (2488156) **8.25** Super Mario (7570613) **8.40** Tifou (8465483) **8.50** Cocoonel (8461667) **9.00** Its Dicebee Time (59613) **10.00** Portland Bill (95483) **11.00** Kitty Cats (69777) **11.30** Barney (13236) **12.00** Ratkan III (37822) **12.30pm** Head to Head (39671396) **12.40** Eek the Cat (1826261) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70611551) **1.40** Super Mario (51322648) **1.50** Tifou (51311532) **2.00** Babar (8735) **2.30** *Binky Bill* (6006) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2234551) **3.15** Bobby's World (205808) **3.45** The Bots Master (655349) **4.15** Head to Head (2892716) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (3342)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (6543483) **7.15** Grimmy (784071) **7.45** Rugrats (783342) **8.15** Rocko (9387667) **8.30** Real Ghostbusters (2349483) **8.45** Nickalive! (2344938) **9.00** Nick Jr (976483) **12.00** Muppet Show (91006) **12.30pm** Rugrats (38071) **1.00** Doug (84280) **1.30** Chipmunks (37342) **2.00** Denver (4377) **2.30** Smoggies (2648) **3.00** *Nick Faves!* (3764) **3.30** Killer Tomatoes (7193) **4.00** Turtles Gold (3700) **4.30** Rugrats (9984) **5.00** Clarissa (5629) **5.30** Doug (6464) **6.00** Rocko (3377) **6.30-7.00** Dracula

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (1891236) **4.30** Valhalla (4940700) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8566209) **5.30** New Explorers (1996880) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7470209) **7.00** Pacifica (8546445) **7.30** Terra X (4041759) **8.00** Connections 2 (8555193) **8.30** Anything is Possible (8461700) **9.00** Wings of the Red Star (2719551) **10.00** Discovery Journal (2729938) **11.00-12.00** The Astronomers (9671174)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. The Share Out (1962) (20964342) **1.05pm** A Home of Your Own (92838031) **2.00** thirtysomething (7708241) **3.00** My Three Sons (8541390) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (6946385) **4.00** FILM: And Then There Were None (1974). Agatha *Christie thriller (8552006)* **6.00** *The Green* Hornet (1810679) **6.30** The Time Tunnel (3163025) **7.30** Honey West (3898103) **8.00** thirtysomething (2620613) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3554735) **9.30** FILM: Every Home Should Have One (1970) (4218025) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (3409434)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (1933919) **7.00** Living Magazine (7247764) **8.00** Go for It (3291174) **8.30** The Truth About Women (3290445) **9.00** The Reluctant Cook (1672342) **9.35** Definition (3720025) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2595990) **10.30** Susan Powter (3210209) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1980193) **12.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (1446938) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1623735) **1.30** Gardenwise (6795358) **2.00** Agony Hour (2503919) **3.00** Living Magazine (3245464) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24683342) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2409174) **4.30** Definition (49050445) **4.55** Delia Smith (6875342) **5.30** Kate and Allie (2429938) **6.00** Material World (2419551) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2400803) **7.00** Living Magazine (1492648) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (1401396) **9.00** FILM: Stop at Nothing (1990) (96340377) **10.55** Enjoy! (4171700) **11.00** Susan Powter (6409803) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (2591174)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Tintin (9087) **5.30** Boogies Diner (2602) **6.00** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (7735) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (8087) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2551) **7.30** Evening Shade (4071) **8.00** The Darling Buds of May (43822) **9.00** Moonlighting (30358) **10.00** Catchphrase (38551) **10.30** GP (41071) **11.00** Lou Grant (90984) **12.00** Rhoda (22014) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (97502) **1.00** Tin Tin (47568) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (77217) **2.00** Moonlighting (53878) **3.00** Lou Grant (79965) **4.00** Rhoda (96946) **4.30-5.00** Evening Shade (51781)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (70743) **6.30** The Grind (62613) **7.00** European Music Awards Spotlight (89822) **7.30** Awake on the Wildside (75629) **8.00** VJ Ingo (181613) **10.30** Awards Spotlight (42700) **11.00** Soul (84377) **12.00** Greatest Hits (68280) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (47358) **3.00** Awards Spotlight (6700) **3.30** The Report (7047303) **3.45** Cinematic (2097808) **4.00** News at Night (2804551) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2894174) **4.30** Dial (5700) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (52603) **6.30** *Sports (5795)* **7.00** *Greatest Hits (36532)* **8.00** Most Wanted (28209) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (76209) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (664716) **10.15** Cinematic (589071) **10.30** News at Night (412803) **10.45** 3 from 1 (417358) **11.00** The End? (75803) **1.00am** Soul (64859) **2.00** The Grind (40192) **2.30** Night Videos (907743)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9499716) **9.00** Café (1228551) **12.00** The *Bridge (6987667)* **1.30pm** *Ten of the Best* (3500648) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8308087) **3.30** Into the Music (8734919) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3247919) **7.00** For You (3564223) **8.00** *Rock (2215731)* **9.00** *Ten of the Best* (8815975) **10.00** The Bridge (9185071) **11.30** Today's Top Five (5059261) **12.00** The Nightly (2283304) **2.00pm** Prime Cuts (9472746) **3.00** Rock (4092912) **4.00** Ten of the Best (1397472) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (43759) **7.00** Asian Morning (47532) **8.30** Bunyaad (20532) **9.00** Tamil Movie (505919) **12.00** Ghar (60648) **1.00pm** Serial (73261) **1.30** Serial (651377) **4.00** Hindi FILM (13193) **5.00** TVA and You (3613) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (4648) **7.00** Doop Chaon (8193) **7.30** India Show (2223) **8.00** News (1613) **8.30** Des Pardes (3648) **9.00** Bollywood Plus (71193) **9.30** Pakistani FILM (304342) **12.00** Asian Morning (786507) **1.35am** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Love Hurts
7.00pm One is a Lonely Number (1972) (38160735) **8.35 In the Cool of the Day** *(1963) (98076445)* ***10.15 The Doctor's*** **Dilemma** (1957) (32460700) **12.05am My Reputation** (1946) (99490728) **1.50 I Loved a Woman** (1933) (65309410) **3.30-5.00** ***Chained*** *(1934) (32037675)*

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

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England spared facing Hughes

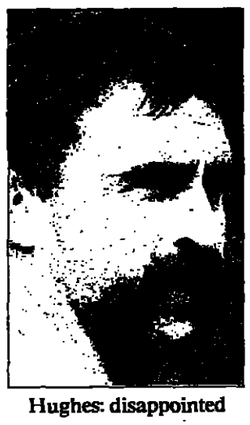
BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND'S batsmen will not be confronted by Merv Hughes when the first Test match with Australia begins in Brisbane on Friday. Hughes, for so long the spearhead of the attack, was left out of the squad of 12 announced yesterday, despite taking four for 51 for an Australian XI in the England first innings at Hobart.

He was passed over for the third fast-bowling position in favour of his young Victorian team-mate, Damien Fleming. Hughes, clearly upset, refused to speak to reporters about his omission. "He's pretty down about it but, to be fair to him, he's taken it pretty well," Ian McDonald, team manager of the Australian XI, said.

Fleming made an impressive entry to Test cricket on the recent tour of Pakistan, taking a hat-trick on his maiden appearance at Rawalpindi. But it is understood it was Hughes's girth that was the deciding factor. His struggles with his weight have reduced his pace, causing the selectors to deny him an immediate chance of adding to his total of 212 Test wickets.

In 20 Tests against England, Hughes has taken 75 wickets at an average 30.29. He captured 31 of them in the 1993 series in England.



Hughes: disappointed

The Australian captain, Mark Taylor, said he was pleased that the selectors had shown faith in the players who were in Pakistan, although he hoped Hughes would not retire from the race for a Test place. "Fleming was a success on tour but I want to see Merv performing, to keep up the pressure."

Fleming has had a precautionary X-ray on his right shoulder, which he damaged in Pakistan, and has been declared fit. The examination showed no sign of the original tear.

The vice-captain, Ian Healy, and the all-rounder, Steve Waugh, have both been included despite having to go home early from Pakistan. Healy will have a fitness test at the Gabba today, which will show if his broken thumb has healed completely. Waugh will play as a specialist batsman as a damaged shoulder will not allow him to bowl before next month.

The former South Africa captain, Kepler Wessels, has made himself unavailable for the first Test against New Zealand starting in Johannesburg on Friday.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board, said that although Wessels had played in pain on many previous occasions, he felt that his participation with a damaged right knee would have been an unreasonable risk.

"His right knee first flared up during the Melbourne Test last year," Bacher said. "During the third Test match against England at the Oval earlier this year he had blood-stained fluid drained from it. The knee is still causing him problems."

Wessels had made his decision on the advice of an orthopaedic surgeon, but would seek a second opinion from a knee specialist before deciding on how long to stay out of the game, Bacher added.

The seam bowler, Richard Snell, and the left-arm spinner, Clive Eksteen, will make their home Test debuts for South Africa in Johannesburg while the Border wicketkeeper, Steve Palframan, is on stand-by for David Richardson, who has a bruised finger.

The final batting place is likely to be between Jonty Rhodes, yet to reach double figures in first-class cricket this season, and the 29-year-old newcomer, John Commins, who has been scoring consistently for Boland.

Snell played in South Africa's first Test back from isolation against West Indies in Barbados and has since played two Tests in Sri Lanka and another in Australia.

Eksteen has played only one Test, also in Sri Lanka, and his selection means South Africa will play a specialist spinner for the first time since the game in Sydney at the start of the year — a gap of eight Tests.

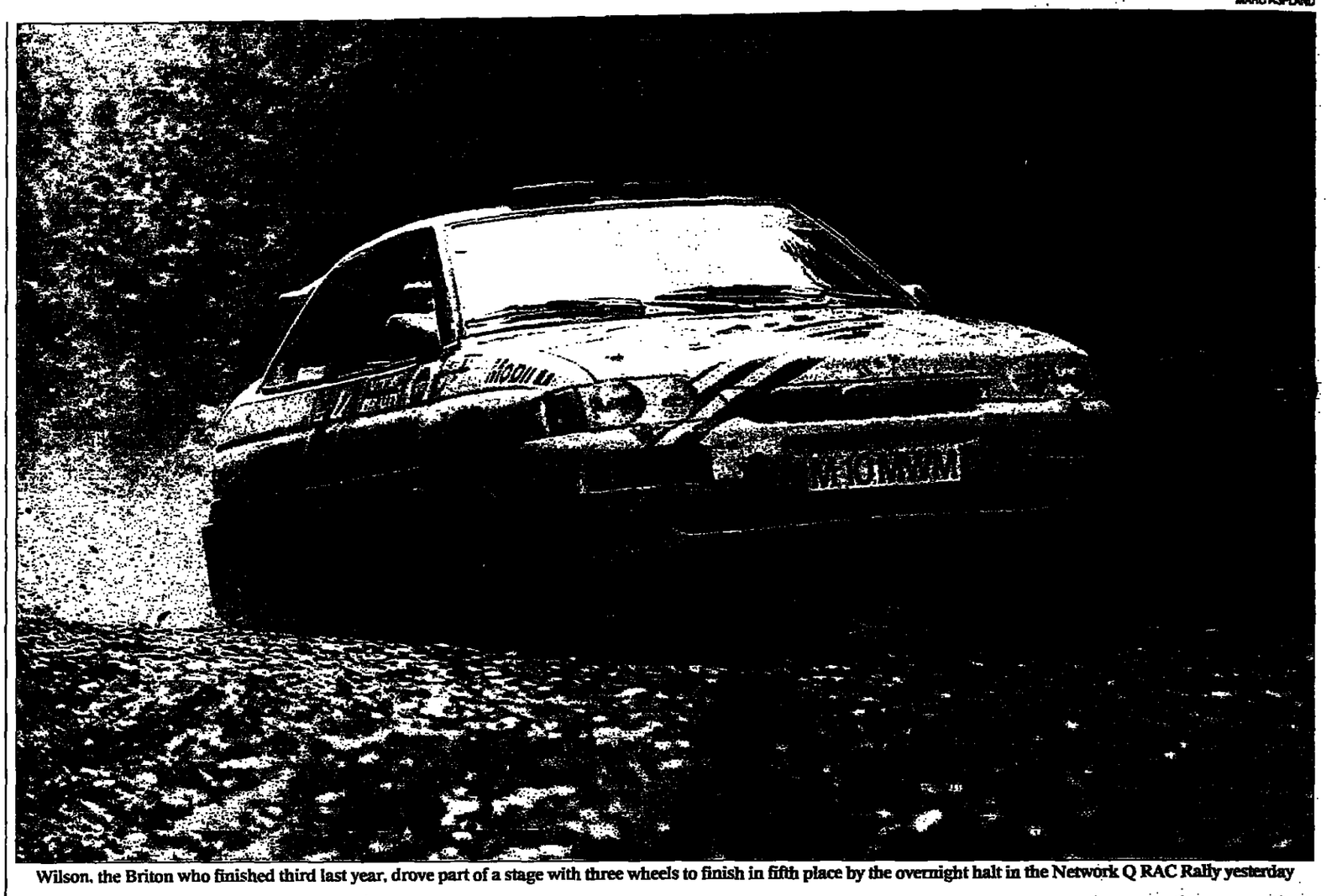
Less fortunate was the Border captain, Peter Kirsten, who has been dropped after playing in the last last seven matches. "It is always hard to leave someone out," Peter Pollock, the convenor of selectors, said, "especially when you have players like Peter Kirsten and Jimmy Cook who have put in years of service and shown great guts and application. But we have to consider the position now and also consider the future."

Pollock admitted that the withdrawal of Wessels had tempted them to persevere with the 39-year-old Kirsten.

SOUTH AFRICA SQUAD: A C Hudson, G Kirsten, W J Cronje (captain), D J Cullinan, J N Rhodes, J Commins, D J Richardson or S Palframan, B M McMillan, R P Snell, C Eksteen, C R Matthews, F S de Villiers.

Stewart saves day, page 44
India in control, page 44

MARC ASPLAND



Wilson, the Briton who finished third last year, drove part of a stage with three wheels to finish in fifth place by the overnight halt in the Network Q RAC Rally yesterday

McRae defies forests of doom to cement lead

BY OLIVER HOLT

COLIN McRae drove out his demons yesterday as the Network Q RAC Rally plunged into its proving ground. In the forests of Northumberland and the tracks of the Lake District, McRae defied the stages that have brought about his downfall for the last three years by setting a string of quickest times and cementing his lead in the event.

Each year since 1990, McRae has led his home rally into the spectacular scenery of the North; each year he has been cowed into submission either by mechanical failure, his own impetuosity or the vagaries of the terrain. Last year, it was a rogue branch piercing his radiator that ended his hopes of becoming the first Britain since Roger Clark in 1976 to win the event.

Yesterday, though, he served notice that this really might be his year. He has emerged from a crisis of confidence earlier in the season to become a more mature, steadier driver and produced the fasted times in the last two stages in Grizedale, above Windermere, to return to the overnight halt in Chester with a lead of 1min 16sec from his Subaru team-mate, Carlos Sainz.

"Although I have a bit of a cushion over Carlos, I cannot slow up too much," McRae said. "Two more days in Wales could come up with anything and I need as much of a gap between me and the rest of the field as possible. I do not have to tell you that I was delighed to clear Grizedale. There were so many people in there cheering me it was fantastic."

Everything seems to be working in favour of the Scot, 26, too, as the rally heads into the Welsh forests. The likelihood of him having to cede the lead to Sainz to help the Spaniard in his battle for the championship with Didier Auriol receded yesterday as the Frenchman took his turn to fall prey to the northern stages. If McRae stood firm in the face of his tormentors, Auriol ran from his.

His problems began on the first stage of the day in Hamsterley when he rolled his Toyota and damaged it so badly that he lost ten minutes on the leaders. That dropped him to 94th place, 15 minutes behind McRae. If Sainz finishes the rally in second place, Auriol must end in the top six if he is to win the championship for the first time.

By the twelfth stage, he had fought his way back to 27th place but then the jinx struck again on the next stage in Kershope. His turbo blew and cost him a further four minutes and although it only dropped him one place, his chances of attaining his required position are fading with every misfortune. "I must really go flat out now," he said last night after he had managed to battle his way back into the top 20.

The two other leading Britons, Richard Burns and Malcolm Wilson, suffered problems, too. Burns was forced to retire but Wilson, who finished third in the event last year, survived driving for part of a stage with only three wheels to fight his way back to fifth place by the overnight halt.

McRae, meanwhile, also benefited from the troubles afflicting the only man who seemed capable of putting him under sustained pressure. Juha Kankkunen, the world champion and the winner of this event last year, set the quickest times on the first three stages yesterday, reducing McRae's lead to 30sec.

But as darkness fell and the drivers entered the penultimate stage, he spun off the track damaging the front and rear of his Toyota, leaving his bumper hanging off and the lights smashed. He lost 30 seconds and, because there was no service station between the two stages, he had to drive the final one without lights.

That allowed Sainz, who had a minor mishap in the first stage of the day, back into second place, tightening his grip on a third championship.

"My car has been superb and I am happy with my effort," he said. Going off this morning on the opening stage was careless but it was very slippery. The Welsh stages are going to be very hard and the weather could change at any time in the next two days."

SECOND DAY DETAILS

Leading positions
After stages 8-15

1, C McRae and D Ringer (GB), Subaru Impreza, 2hr 19min 50sec; 2, C Sainz and L Moya (Sp), Subaru Impreza, 2:21.06; 3, J Kankkunen (Fin) and N Grist (GB), Toyota Celica, 2:21.35; 4, B Thiry and S Prevot (Bel), Ford Escort, 2:24.34; 5, M Wilson and B Thomas (GB), Ford Escort, 2:25.21; 6, S Blomqvist and B Melander (Swe), Ford Escort, 2:25.53; 7, A Vatanen (Fin) and F Pons (It), Ford Escort, 2.29.48; 8, Y Fujimoto (Japan) and A Hertz (Swe), Toyota Celica, 2:34.56; 9, G Evans and H Davis (GB), Ford Escort, 2:35.48; 10, J Habig and D Judd (SA), Ford Escort, 2:35.55.

Today's stages
Stages 16-22

Dyfnant 1 (13.46 miles, from 06.49am); Hafren 1 (18 miles, 08.21); Brechfa (20.29 miles, 10.47); Trawscoed (22.76 miles, 11.42); Crychan (3.88 miles, 13.33); Hafren 2 (20.53 miles, 15.10); Dyfnant 2 (13.46 miles, 16.54).

Wattana finally finds his form

BY PHIL YATES

JAMES Wattana displayed easily his best form of an otherwise disappointing season in establishing a 6-2 overnight lead against Joe Swail in their best-of-17-frame, third-round snooker match at the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship in Preston yesterday.

Wattana, the world No 3, lost his opening matches in both the Regal Masters and Dubai Classic and did little to encourage optimism by losing 5-3 to John Higgins in the last 16 of the Skoda Grand Prix. Wattana's long pots are simply not finding the target.

After a ten-day visit to his native Bangkok, Wattana looked rusty in a 9-6 first-round win over Lee Richardson. There was considerable improvement, however, in every department when he subsequently beat Richard McDonald 9-3.

That improvement was maintained in the first session against Swail. Wattana's heightened confidence, and some expensive errors from the former Irish champion, contributed to the one-sided scoreline.

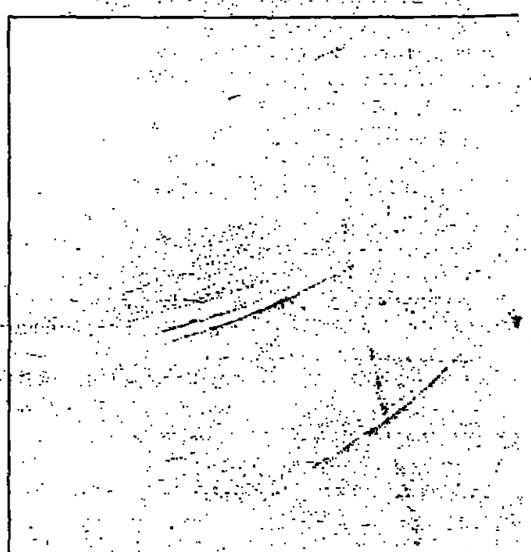
Swail's problems began in the first frame. He led 46-1 but missed a straightforward red. Wattana assuredly cleared with 58 to steal the frame on the pink and the die was cast.

Wattana, the Thailand Open champion who is attempting to become the first foreign player to capture the UK title in its 17-year history, went from strength to strength. Breaks of 98, 83, 56 and an exceptional 74 clearance in the sixth frame pushed him 5-1 ahead.

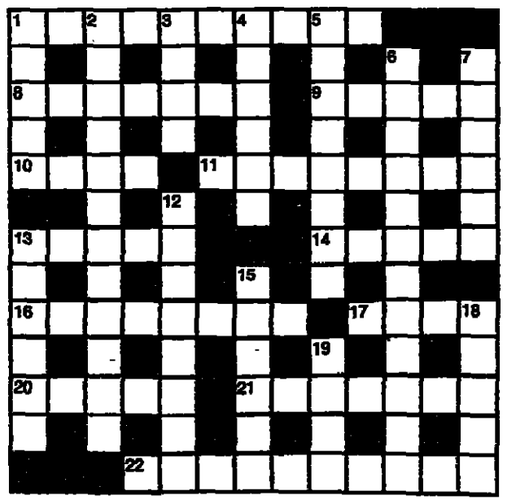
A red-to-pink clearance enabled Swail temporarily to halt Wattana's barrage but, benefiting from an early fluked red, Wattana put together a 77 break in the eighth to leave himself needing only three of today's remaining nine frames to earn a quarter-final against John Parrott or Mark Williams. In the other match, Mark King, of Romford, the world No 89, took a 4-1 lead over Darren Morgan — despite looking as if he should be playing in a discotheque in his tartan suit and Edwardian collar. The dogged Welshman fought back to 4-4, however.

Alex Higgins, more volatile than successful in recent years, appears in the last 16 of a world-ranking tournament for the first time since October 1991 today when he meets Dave Harold here.

THIRD ROUND: Results: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 9-5; P Ebdon (Eng) bt J Ferguson (Eng) 9-1. Latest positions: J Wattana (Thai) leads J Swail (N Ire) 6-2; M King (Eng) level with D Morgan (Wales) 4-4.



TIMES TWO CROSSWORD
No 325



ACROSS
1 Leonardo Milan fresco (4,6)
8 Actual state (7)
9 Professorship (5)
10 Rooms: pointed remarks (4)
11 Four-year period between Games (8)
13 Flat (Army, French) hat (5)
14 Out of condition (5)
16 Treasonable action (8)
17 Mark of wound (4)
20 Clearly expressed (5)
21 Upper limit: top of room (7)
22 Fully deserved (4-6)

DOWN
1 Sensational: gaudy (5)
2 Army officer's cane (7,5)
3 Quarter of card deck (4)
4 Bribe to DJs etc (6)
5 Formal speech of praise (8)
6 Contentment: compensation (12)
7 Cause for pride: believe (6)
12 Sit astride (8)
13 Insubstantial sphere (6)
15 Blaise —, French mathematician/philosopher (6)
18 Unbending (5)
19 Capital of Peru (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 324

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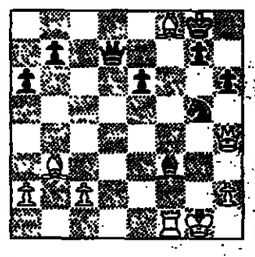
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Herbrechtstmeier - Dietze, Eppstein 1984. Black could simply recapture the bishop on f8, but he has a much more powerful continuation. What did he play?



Solution, page 43
Raymond Keene, page 7

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HEAD SHIELD
a. Front skeleton of a Trilobite
b. A Viking horned helmet
c. A monitor's badge

BANDEAU
a. Edge of penthouse roof
b. An early form of billiards
c. Cross-country with water hazards

HEAD-FOOT
a. Part of a snail
b. Celebrated fictional rabbit
c. An under-butler

BALLYHOO OF BLAZES
a. Extravagant nonsense
b. An unpopular ship
c. Bookmaker's semaphore

Answers on page 43